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NEW FIRE CHIEF.

William Kashner, of the Rescue Company, Succeeds P. B. Heddens.—Clyde Hess First Assistant.

A STORMY ELECTION.

William Kashner, of the Rescue Company, was on Monday evening elected to succeed P. B. Heddens, whose term expires this month, as Chief of the Bloomsburg Fire Department. The ravens of discord attended the election in full force, and by their persistent, and unwarranted criticism stirred up dissatisfaction and strife, to such an extent that a goodly number of the older and more peaceable members of the department walked away and left the meeting in disgust.

There has not been the very best of feeling in the department for some time past, particularly between the Good Will and Liberty Companies, each claiming the right to precede the other in position, parades etc. The discontent, apparently, was gradually disappearing, however, until the last meeting of the Town Council, when the Good Will Company was recognized as the fourth Company of the Town, taking the position to which the Liberty Company laid claim, since which time trouble has been brewing afresh.

The recognition of the Good Wills came at a very inopportune time, as the tickets for the election had all been printed and distributed among the members of the other four companies, and this acknowledgment of the Good Will Company's rights disrupted the election plans.

Backed by the action of Council, the Good Will Company claimed that the office of second assistant chief belonged to them and they accordingly voted for their candidate, George W. Beagle. The Liberty Company candidate for this office was Thomas Morris and he of course, received that company's endorsement.

The resolution of the Council made clear the former company's claim to the office, and the election board acting in accordance with that resolution, decided that Geo. W. Beagle was elected. The Liberty boys are not satisfied with the result of the election, and though they have not publicly declared themselves as to what course they propose to pursue, it is understood that they don't intend to let the matter rest as it is.

The other officers elected were Clyde B. Hess, of the Winonas, first assistant chief, and Jacob Stiner, of the Friendships, third assistant chief.

DR. BARBER MAKES RECORD DRIVE.

What the driving record between Bloomsburg and Grovania may have been previous to Thursday last we know not, but we do know that there are few, if any horses hereabouts, that can equal the time made between the two points on that day by Dr. I. G. Barber, of Danville. The timers of the race were A. Z. Schoch, President of the Bloomsburg National Bank, who stood at the telephone at this end, and A. O. Stonge, proprietor of the Grovania Hotel, who held the transmitter to his ear, at his hostelry. Both gentlemen, in order to be absolutely correct, set their watches together. Dr. Barber left the Court House here at 4:31¾ and reached Grovania at 4:50, having covered the distance in just 18¼ minutes.

There was no wager but the doctor had made the assertion that he could drive it in twenty minutes, and several of his friends doubted his ability to do it.

He drove his bay mare, and Mr. Stonge says that she was perspiring only slightly and seemed but little fagged.

Soon Be 100 Years Old.

Williamsport will be one hundred years old on March 1, 1906, and there is already talk of properly celebrating the anniversary. We can see no reason why such a celebration should not be a success. Bloomsburg celebrated its one hundredth birthday in 1902, and it was the biggest and best event of the kind ever held in this section.

A FEARFUL DEATH.

Walter Loreman, Aged Eight Years, Ventures Too Close to Machinery.

AN UNWITNESSED TRAGEDY

The lifeless body of his eight year old grandson Walter Loreman, bound between the belts, is the horrible spectacle that met the gaze of Reuben Loreman, as he reached the lower floor of the Red Mill, in Hemlock Township Sunday afternoon.

Work at the mill had been delayed of late, owing to the lack of power, and it was to take advantage of the rain, which had swollen the race, and get out some rush orders, that Mr. Loreman had gone to the mill on Sunday. He was on the second floor, engaged at emptying some corn into the breaker, when the belt suddenly flew off the pulley. He descended to the floor below to learn the cause, and there found his grandson, as above described. The boys right foot was terribly mangled, but death was probably due to strangulation, as his clothing was tightly drawn about his neck. Whether or not he had made any outcry is not known. If he did the hum of the machinery prevented it from reaching his grandfathers ear.

A physician was summoned, but it was too late, life was extinct.

The body was removed to his home, near by, and prepared for burial by Undertaker C. G. Baker. The funeral took place yesterday morning.

NEWSPAPER TO CHANGE HANDS.

J. C. Rutter Jr., Register and Recorder of Columbia county, has purchased the *Sentinel* and *Daily* printing office, and will take charge on January 1st. Mr. Rutter is a newspaper man of long experience. He learned his trade in THE COLUMBIAN office about twenty years ago, and has followed the business ever since, until four years ago when he was elected to his present position. He was manager of the *Sentinel*, for several years, and it was under his direction that the first daily in the county was started. He established it at once on a sound basis, and it has been a newsy paper ever since.

Mr. Rutter understands all the details of the business, and will no doubt make a success of it. We welcome him back into the editorial ranks.

A PRETTY CALENDAR.

A calendar has been issued by the Young Women's Christian Association. It has a handsome card cover printed in gilt, with a bar at the top, tied with silk. There are twenty-four pages printed on the mimeograph, each page containing scriptural quotations for each day in the month. The top of each page contains an ornamental design, and altogether it is very attractive as well as useful.

The calendar is the work of Miss Webster, the secretary, and she has displayed rare skill and taste in its preparation. Only one hundred of them have been made, and they are for sale for the benefit of the Association. The price is only 20 cents. There will no doubt be a ready sale for them.

Skating is Rare Sport.

Not for many years has skating been as popular as it is this winter. This is probably because the ice has been unusually fine. The lovers of the sport were out in large numbers all last week, the crowds being so great at times that it was next to impossible to get along without running into someone. The wide water on the canal was the favorite grounds in the early part of the week, but the continued cold weather closed the waters of the creek and then Boone's Dam was the mecca. Superintendent Hackett immediately placed a number of lights on the trees along the creek, which illuminates a large area of the ice and adds greatly to the convenience of the skaters. The rain of Saturday and Sunday put a temporary stop to the sport.

The High School closed yesterday. It will open on Monday.

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THE BOX OPENED.

Corner Stone of Old Presbyterian Church Contained Many Articles of Interest.

LITTLE AFFECTED BY TIME.

The contents of the tin box in the corner stone of the old Presbyterian Church, which was removed last week, was opened by Mr. Yorks on Saturday, and the contents were made known by Dr. Hemingway at the Sunday evening service in the Presbyterian Church. It was rather expected that the box would contain some money, but such was not the case. The contents were as follows: A Bible bound in calf, a confession of faith, bound in half calf; Book of Psalms and Hymns, bound in calf; copy of the charter and incorporation of the church; a brief history of the church in manuscript that shows that the first minister was Rev. D. J. Waller; a list of the subscribers and the subscriptons of the congregation for the building which ranged from three hundred dollars to fifty cents and that the total subscription was $2,271 and that the church was to cost $3,000.

In addition to this it contained ten copies of the "Presbyterian," published in Philadelphia and dated April 24 and May 3, 1847. They bore the names of Cathcart and Chamberlain, who were the new subscribers to the periodical. A copy of the United States Gazette, also published in Philadelphia, and dated May 12, 1847, bore the name of William McKelvy. A copy of the Columbia County Democrat published by Levi Tate in Bloomsburg and dated May 8, 1847. Two copies of the Danville Democrat and Tariff Advocate dated February 5 and May 7, 1874.

A College for Berwick.

At recent conference of the Eastern and Central Pennsylvania divisions of the Evangelical church, a committee was appointed for the purpose of securing a location for the Albright College now located at Myerstown.

Rev. Isaiah Bower, a trustee of the College. will endeavor to have the college erected in Berwick. Between four and five hundred students will be enrolled in the school, and the building will cost between $200,000 and $300,000,

Rector Resigns.

Rev. Erskine Wright, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Danville, on Friday night tendered his resignation to the vestry, to take place on January 1st. The cause assigned for Rev. Wright's resignation is ill health, his physician advising that he retire from all work for a period of three months.

Rev. Erskine Wright assumed charge of Christ Episcopal church on March 5th, 1899. Before coming to Danville he was assistant rector in St. Clement's church, Philadelphia.

Normal Closed for Holidays

The Normal School closed yesterday for the Holidays and the students are leaving today for their respective homes to spend the vacation which will extend until after New Years. This is the vacation that overshadows all others of the year, and the beaming faces of the students showed the happy anticipation of meeting their parents, and receiving their kindly remembrances.

Useful Christmas Presents

(Here's a few of them.)
Mrs. Potts' Irons, Dover Irons, Bissell Sweepers, Wringers, Nickleware, Carving Sets, Enamel Ware, Pocket Knives and Shears.

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Mechanical Toys, Skates, Sleds and Tool Chests.

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MISS MARION HARTER.

Mrs. Marion M. Harter, aunt of Mrs. John K. Miller, died after an illness of several weeks, from a cancerous affection at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, in the Fetterman house on Main street, at half past ten Monday morning. Miss Harter had been a victim of the above ailment for more than two years past but only for a few weeks had she been poorly, and up until the day preceding her death she was able to be about the house. She was a public spirited woman, and assisted in starting the public library, and always took a lively interest in matters pertaining to its success. Besides her neice, Mrs. Miller, she is survived by three brothers, two residing in Minneapolis and one in Chicago. Private funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon conducted by Revs. Hemingway and Kirkby. The remains were taken to Delaware, Ohio, her former home for burial.

BRIEF COURT SESSION.

A brief session of court was held on Monday with all the judges present.

W. C. Johnston was appointed auditor of public accounts.

In the articles of agreement between J. R. Shultz and John V. Shultz, a petition was presented by the former for the ordering of a specific performance of contract, which was granted.

Petition of Edward Reese, to have certain real estate conveyed free of dower, filed and petition granted by the Court.

Petition of James L. Evans, guardian ad litum of Howard Moharter, to convey real estate, which was also granted by the court.

The court adjourned until the first Monday in January.

The Stock Bought In.

Two blocks of the capital stock of the Farmers National Bank, one of ten and another of five shares, was put up at auction in front of the Court House Saturday afternoon, but on account of the lack of bidders, they were not sold. The block of ten was offerred first and bid up to $238 a share, and the five was run up to $236. Both were bought in by A. W. Duy, attorney.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

We extend to our army of Friends and Patrons a Christmas Greeting.

The year about closing shows the largest business of our experience.

THANKS TO YOU, our friends, for your ardent support and cordial indorsement of our endeavors.

Excuse us if we failed in any respect, and do us a Favor by allowing us to rectify.

We have still higher ideals—better things to be done during 1904.

Your enthusiastic commendation of our endeavors gives us great encouragement.

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How Many tacks are Hammered into it?

Have YOU Guessed

Thursday Eve. Dec 24th at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Wm. Hidlay of the Bloomsburg National Bank is custodian of the envelope in which is placed the correct number of tacks

Consider the value of the gifts. There are 5 of them, all desirable articles. Then, how easy it is to get one of the 5 gifts.

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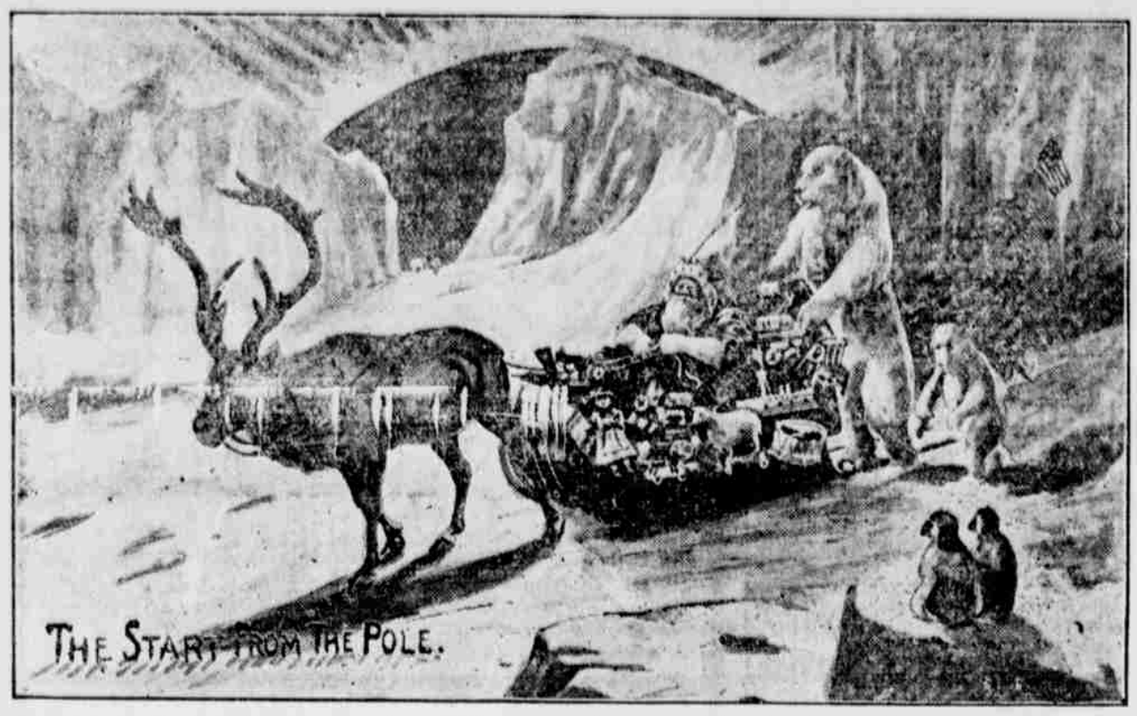

A CHRISTMAS TOBOGGAN

By MANDA L. CROCKER

IN a sheltered cleft on the mountain side where the scraggy pines made polite obeisance to their bare-headed neighbors, the Half-way house had stood, a harbinger of comfort, for a score of years.

And now, though the old stage lay rotting in the valley and the traveler thundered along by rail beneath its very foundations, the friendly gables seemed beckoning to imaginary guests.

To-night, too, the pine branches crackled merrily on the wide hearth, as if the snubs of a progressive public were not worth minding, lighting up the long, low room in the gloaming of the Christmas Eve.

Two women conversed in tender monotone in the cheery illumination, and the elder was saying: "The paper cannot be found and, of course, the property goes to your Uncle Hermon."

The other rose wearily from her place before the fire and stood leaning her head against the black old-fashioned mantel.

"Then uncle really intends taking our home away from us?" she said, interrogatively, looking down into the patient mother face.

"Certainly, my daughter," came the reply in cheerful resignation, "and he expects to take possession soon, too. But your father always made much of the Christmas time and, for his sake, we will keep the day gladly, you know."

"Yes, I know," and the girl turned away toward the next room, tucking up her sleeves with little gingerly thrusts as she went.

The brace of partridges Brother Ned had snared the day before made a pretty picture as they waited, plump and round, for the last turn of the skewer. After they were ready for the morrow's roasting the tall, queenly girl went over to the open doorway a moment to contemplate the picturesque landscape she had loved all her life.

"Even the scrubby oaks are restful up here," she mused, "and I don't see how I am to bring myself to be turned out like—a beggar!"

Making a sudden dash at her eyes with her handkerchief, she resumed: "Of course, if mother is bent on having a sunny Christmas in the face of it all, why, I won't be shadowy."

Hearing a cheery whistle outside she continued: "Ned doesn't care about it—boys don't. O yes" (correcting the uncharitable thought), "he does care, but not as I do."

The mother rocked to and fro before the fragrant blaze, humming an old refrain. The dusk gathered

"Who Cares for His Charity?"

gloomily in the corners of the room while the dancing light glinted along the smoky rafters as if eager to dispel all thought of loneliness.

Mrs. Cameron glanced upward. In the years agone, when the rafters were not so smoky and the dear old rooms not so dingy as now, the Half-way house was the social hub of the mountain side. But now—

A sturdy lad of 12 years came bustling in with his arms full of holly and his pockets full of mail.

"The road down to the village is as smooth as glass," he said, brushing the snowflakes from his clothes on to the bright hearth. "Horses will have to be sharp shod to make the slide tomorrow, I know."

Handing some letters to his mother, he began to plan for a "jolly good time" the next day, while he separated the sprays of the glossy evergreen.

Attracted by his festive manner, his sister volunteered to help, and fell to sorting the crimson clusters for decorating the table and brightening up the rooms on the morrow.

"Of course he can't care much," she whispered, rebelliously, watching the satisfaction shining on the boyish face.

"We'll have popcorn and chestnuts, and browned birds and—everything," cried Ned, as his plans bubbled over.

"Everything," repeated his sister, bitterly, "and then by and by have nothing."

But Ned did not hear, for his mother was saying: "Here's a note from

"Mr. Fulton Gave It to Me."

Cousin Jessie," while a smile lighted up her careworn face.

Then she passed the paper to Edith, murmuring: "All winter long in the dear old house."

"Papa has concluded to let you stay in the house until spring, as he cannot find a tenant before that time. He will stop on his way to Fulton's in the morning and talk with you about the matter," was what Edith read. Then she laid the slip of paper on her brother's palm, wondering if by that time anything would happen that they would not have to go at all.

Ned tossed the note into the maternal lap contemptuously and his sunny face darkened. "Who cares for his charity extension, I'd like to know?" he exclaimed. "It's only because he can't do otherwise and make it pay."

His lip curled disdainfully and quivered into silence. He did "care," after all, poor little brother. And Edith's heart smote her as she kissed his flushed cheek in sisterly sympathy. After all, he had been braver than she.

"It's a veritable toboggan," exclaimed Hermon Cameron's wife as the fine team cantered up the treacherous "slide." "Really I am afraid of an accident."

"Fudge, Mrs. Faintheart; what can happen?" laughed her husband, gayly, as he cracked his whip over the sleek bays.

Truly, it did not seem possible for anything to happen out of harmony with the lovely holiday. Nevertheless, a few minutes later the serenity of the day was all broken up for the Camerons. Frightened at something by the roadside, the horses became unmanageable and, in a twinkling, becoming detached from the sleigh, ran wildly around the upper turning, throwing Mr. Cameron heavily to the ground.

The impetus of the accident sent the vehicle spinning down the glassy incline, its occupants perfectly helpless to stay their mad flight.

The Fultons, startled to see a runaway team dash into their grounds, ran out to recognize it as that of their friend, Cameron, and in a short time they were bending solicitously over the unlucky man who, prone on the Christmas snow, was moaning unconsciously.

"We will take him up to the widow's," said Mr. Fulton, glancing in the direction of the friendly gables, "while you go for the doctor," addressing his son, "and then we will look for the rest of them."

Prudence Cameron prepared a couch for her unfortunate brother-in-law, with a queer sensation tugging at her heartstrings. He had meant to stop, but not in this manner. Surely there was a Providence in it.

"Here are some papers we picked up," said Mr. Fulton, laying a roll in the widow's hand. "They must belong to him. Examine them and see. I haven't my glasses with me."

In her own room Mrs. Cameron looked the papers over. "Of course they're his," she mused, unrolling the grimy outer wrapper. Unfolding the inside paper she read: "I hereby give and bequeath the Half-way house to my sister-in-law, Prudence Cameron, and—"

She read no further. Down at the bottom of the instrument was the peculiar chirography of her injured brother-in-law.

"It was never lost!" she exclaimed; "but Hermon never meant that I should see this."

Putting the precious document away carefully, she went downstairs with a queer little smile triumphant on her patient face.

The physician and Hermon's family had arrived and the wife was saying: "We went right on tobogganing down to the uneven road at the lower turning. Then the cutter went to pieces against a tree and we were upset, but not hurt."

She ended with a hysterical laugh, as she looked toward the white-faced husband.

"Stunned a considerable, bruised a bit, but fairly ready for his Christmas dinner," said the doctor as he took his leave.

In the kitchen Edith surveyed the brace of partridges and wondered if there was "enough to go round." But while she cogitated the Fultons came in with a bountiful dinner.

"We planned for company," laughed jolly Mrs. Fulton, "and we're bound to have it, even if we meet them halfway." And soon the Christmas cheer filled the lonely old rooms.

In the midst of the merry Christmas dinner Prudence Cameron looked across the table at her brother-in-law who, pillowed up in an arm-chair, was munching a browned bird, and said, playfully: "Christmas gift, Brother Hermon."

"I meant to have brought something," he stammered, in confusion, "but—"

"Thank you, I know you did," interrupted Prudence, her face glowing with victory, "and it is all right. Mr. Fulton gave it to me—the will, I mean—and I thank you again."

Had the house tumbled down the mountain side Hermon Cameron could not have been more surprised. He sank back among the pillows with a suppressed groan. "My heart!" he said, faintly. "My heart!"

"You are hurt more seriously than we thought for!" cried the Fultons, in alarm.

"Oh, no," murmured Hermon. "I am just a little overcome."

And so it proved. But, although he revived and chatted with his friend, Fulton, over the toothsome plum pudding, he did not look Prudence Cameron's why again that day.

And that night Ned sat before the crackling fire on the broad hearth, while the dancing light touched his ruddy face and glinted up along the smoky rafters, and whispered between his palms: "Dear Lord, we are so thankful for the blessed Christmastide; but just now we are thankfuller for the upset of Uncle Hermon!"

MORE DANGER AHEAD.

"Well, I'm thankful Thanksgiving's past," soliloquized Mr. Gobbler, "but here comes December."

Mr. Busby's Christmas Gift

MRS. BUSBY was finishing a pair of "bootees" for her daughter's newest baby, screwing up her mouth with the intricacy of the pattern. Mrs. Griggs in the opposite rocker waited her.

"I guess I must be going," she announced, finally. "I only ran in to wish you Merry Christmas. I won't see you to-morrow. Call Christmas a holiday! I've two people to cook for usually—Christmas it's twenty!"

"And you'd not be content on other days, if you hadn' s'many then," returned Mrs. Busby. "We'll go to Tom's, as usual. He married a college girl, and I told him: 'These college girls may know a sight more about the structure of the human body than the rest of us, but they don't know half as much about making it comfortable!'"

"And now she has you come over every Christmas and see what a good housekeeper she is!" finished Mrs. Griggs, knowing the story as well as her hostess.

"M'hm. Can't you stay?"

"Thank you, no. I hoped you'd show me Mr. Busby's Christmas gift."

"It's upstairs, and I'm afraid he'll come in. He hasn't seen it, though."

"So you've got ahead of him, finally?"

"I have. It beats all the way that man finds things out and then teases. Last year I got him a set of Dickens, and kept it hidden three weeks between the mattresses of the spare room bed. The night before Christmas I was thinking how I'd surprise him when he said, smiling like: 'That's a mighty nice set of books in the spare room bed, Cynthy; it's a pity to keep 'em there, with the bookcase so handy,' he says."

"But he hasn't found out this year?"

"No; I guess he was ashamed of being so mean. I've seen my present, though."

"But I thought you said it was kind of mean to try to find out—"

"Oh, that's different. My present is the handsomest kind of a wrap, Mrs. Griggs. I was over at Parker's one

"Choose for Yourself."

day and that head clerk he called me aside and let out that Mr. Busby was going to buy me one of those nice fur-trimmed coats, and wouldn't I like to choose it, without him knowing it? So I chose—and won't I have a joke on Mr. Busby to-morrow?"

"That was real nice of that clerk."

"It was, and seeing how I could trust him, I asked him to advise me which one of those nice warm bathrobes to choose for Mr. Busby—I just couldn't decide between the red one and the green one. He said—"

"Oh, by the way, he told me a real funny story about a bath robe. He says a lady wanted to buy her husband one for Christmas and asked his advice. He told her to wait until to-morrow, as some new ones were coming in then, and—"

"Why, that must have been the very day I was in; though I didn't see any new ones when I went back the—"

"M'hm. And he just called her husband in that night and told him to choose for himself, so he wouldn't have to exchange it the day after Christmas. Her husband thought it the best joke yet to think what a laugh he'd have on her when she gave it to him. So he chose a blue one and—why, what's the matter, Mrs. Busby?"

Without a word, Mrs. Busby fled up the stairs, returning a moment later with a blue bath robe in her trembling grasp.

"Did you ever in your life know anybody as mean as that clerk?" she gasped.

ELISA ARMSTRONG BENGOUGH.

Bill That Beats 'Em All.

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BLOOMSBURG MARKETS.

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Eggs, per dozen	30
Lard, per pound	14
Ham, per pound	15 to 16
Beef (quarter), per pound	6 to 8
Wheat, per bushel	1 00
Oats, do	40
Rye, do	60
Flour per bbl.	4.40 to 4 80
Hay, per ton	18 00
Potatoes, per bushel	75
Turnips, do	40
Tallow, per pound	06
Shoulder, do	10
Bacon, do	16
Vinegar, per qt	05
Dried apples, per pound	07
Cow hides, do	3½
Steer do do	05
Calf skin	80
Sheep pelts	75
Shelled corn, per bushel	75
Corn meal, cwt	2 00
Bran, cwt.	1 20
Chop, cwt.	1 0
Middlings, cwt	1 40
Chickens, spring, per pound	12½
do do old	10
Turkeys do	18
Geese, do	11
Ducks, do	14
COAL.	
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do 4 and 5 delivered	4 25
do 6, at yard.	
do 4 and 5, at yard	

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 21, 1903.

By a vote of 57 to 18 the Cuban reciprocity bill passed the Senate. After it receives the President's signature, the two years' fight for tariff reduction to Cuba will be ended, with concessions to the Island as great as could have been expected from a "stand pat" republican Administration. Most of the Democrats favored the bill as the best which could be obtained under the circumstances. One republican, Senator Bard voted against it. Before the vote was taken Senator Bailey and Senator Spooner took opposite sides in a debate on the constitutional authority of the President and Senate to negotiate a treaty which called for the reduction of the tariff and to make this treaty contingent on the approval of the House. Mr. Bailey said that as all revenue acts should originate in the House, the President had not this right. Mr. Spooner, republican, was enthusiastic in his defense of the Administration, but it was generally admitted that he put forth the weaker argument. Referring to the recent decision of the democrats to be bound by caucus rule, Mr. Bailey declared that henceforth there would be no "White House Senators" to be found on the democratic side of the chamber.

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Perry S. Heath is scored again in the report of Holmes Conrad and Charles J. Bonaparte on the scandals of the Washington Postoffice, which has just been published. It says, "So far as is indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers." The report also tries to place some of the responsibility on former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith. Mr. Heath continues to protest his innocence, but takes care not to waive the statute of limitations, so that he might be brought to trial.

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Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's report on the postal scandals has been sent to the Government Printing Office and will be given to the public in a few days. The publication of the report was decided upon by the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads Each member of Congress will be supplied with several copies which he may dispose of as he sees fit. Mr. Bristow strongly advised the publication of the entire report and it is said that he intimated to the Committee that his report had been too much edited at the White House, and that certain parts of it were toned down before the synopsis was published. Senator Gorman and other democratic leaders are determined that the public shall get at the bottom of the postal frauds and they will continue their agitation for a Congressional investigation.

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Democrats of the Senate have decided to accomplish an effective organization by requiring submission to caucus rule. Senator Gorman, the duly chosen leader, has thus been successful in his efforts to get his democratic colleagues to act as a unit on the public questions which will be discussed this coming winter and from the issues of the next campaign. In this way the minority will be better able to oppose the republicans, who however they may differ individually in the primary stages of a controversy, always unite on the policy determined upon by the majority of the party. Leader Williams, in the House, is confident of democratic success next year. He says, "The democratic outlook is more hopeful than for years. The democratic party is more nearly united than it has been for a long time. It comes nearer meaning something. Conservative business interests distrust Roosevelt. His strenuousity is so near recklessness that it would require an especially paid attorney to mark the difference.

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The National Negro Suffrage League has just held a meeting here which was broken up over the question of indorsing President Roosevelt. Such a resolution was voted down and those who favored its adoption bolted the meeting and organized another. The fight between the factions will be carried on, and may result in sending two colored delegations from the district of Colombia to the republican national convention.

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The case of the Northern Securities Company against the United States has been argued before the Supreme Court and the decision of the Justices is now awaited. During the two days' hearing the court was crowded by those who followed the trial with great interest. Mrs. Roosevelt, many United States Senators and prominent business men were seen among the audience. The case came on appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court for the District of Minnesota, which was to the effect that the purchase of the greater part of the stock of the two railroad companies constituted a merger and was contrary to the Sherman Anti-Trust law. Attorney General Knox represented the government and Mr. John G. Johnson of Philadelphia, ex-Attorney General Griggs and others represented the companies.

Mr. Johnson argued that in acquiring the stock of the two railroads the securities company did not purpose to prevent competition or restrain trade, but to protect its own property and increase trade. He took exception to the decision of the Circuit Court that the possession of the power which the company had was a violation of the law, and contended that such holding was not in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court, which was that it is the use of power, and not possession of it, which constitutes the offense. He declared that the holding by the Securities company of the majority of the stock of the two railroads was not a violation of the Sherman act and not a monopoly, and that the act did not declare illegal the acquisition or ownership of stock of two companies, and that if it did, it would be unconstitutional. Attorney General Knox argued that the arrangement effected by the company was a combination in restraint of interstate commerce and, as such, a violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act; that it constituted a monopoly; and that the court had the power to prevent it. He said, "The final result of these transactions was that one and the same set of men, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Morgan and their associates being the ruling spirits among them, acting under a charter agreement and through the agency of a corporate organization, became vested with absolute power of control over two parallel and competing systems of interstate railway." He added that it was absurd to say that two railway companies that were under one control would ever compete in a true sense of the word.

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Feast of Lights and Consecration.

Festival of the Jewish Church Which Comes Along About Christmastime.

It is a coincidence that about the time of Christmas, the great festival of the Christian Church, the Jewish people have one of their most beautiful feasts, that of "Lights and Consecration," known as "Chanukah," which begins on the 25th day of Kislev or the Jewish month (between the new moon November and in December) and continues eight days. During this feast of rededication the devout assemble in the synagogue daily. On each day in the synagogue a portion of the Pentateuch is read; Psalms 113—118 are chanted besides the 18th benediction and in the prayer of grace after meals additional prayers of thanksgiving are recited, which reveal the motives of this church festival.

The feast itself commemorates the defeat of the ancient Greeks under King Antichus Epiphanes and the complete victory of Mathathias and his sons, the Maccabees, over them about the year of the creation of the world 3620. The Jews being again in possession immediately rebuilded the new altar and rededicated the Temple. Owing to the lighting of the lights in the synagogue and in the Jewish home, the feast has received its name: "Feasts of Lights" or of "Rededication."

The number of lights is increased daily by one, beginning on the 24th day of Kislev until the eight days with its eight candles are completed.

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(Read our Clubbing Offers for 1904 on 5th page.) tf

Want Game Laws Changed.

A number of sportsmen, says the Hazleton *Sentinel*, have drawn up the following petition, which after circulation through the different counties, will be forwarded to the next Legislature.

That there shall be no gun used to kill or assist in killing deer that propels more than one metal bullet or pellet at any one shot from a gun or any one discharge of powder.

That the season for killing deer, hare, rabbit, pheasant, grouse, woodcock and quail shall open at same date of same month of each year.

That no person or persons shall kill or assist in killing more than one deer in any one lawful season.

That no person shall kill or have in his possession more than twenty pheasants, grouse, woodcock, quail each, in one lawful season.

That there be a liberal bounty paid for each and every weasel, hawk and owl killed in Pennsylvania, to be paid by the township in which said weasel, hawk and owl are killed.

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Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Brooklyn, New York.
11-19 1y.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

LACKAWANNA Railroad.

BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.
In effect January 26th, 1902.

EAST.

STATIONS.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	16 45	10 00	1.50	15 25
Cameron	6 57	...	12 41	15 34
Danville	7 07	10 19	2 11	5 48
Catawissa	7 21	10 32	2 23	5 56
Rupert	7 26	10 37	2 29	6 01
Bloomsburg	7 33	10 41	2 33	6 05
Espy	7 38	10 48	2 40	6 13
Lime Ridge	7 44	10 54	12 46	6 20
Willow Grove	17 48	.....	12 5.	.....
Briarcreek	7 53	.....	12 53	16 27
Berwick	7 57	11 05	2 58	6 34
Beach Haven	8 05	f11 12	3 03	6 41
Hick's Ferry	8 11	11 17	3 09	f6 47
Shickshinny	8 22	11 31	3 20	6 59
Hunlock's	8 35	.....	3 31	f7 09
Nanticoke	8 38	11 44	3 38	7 14
Avondale	8 41	.....	3 42	7 22
Plymouth	8 45	11 52	3 47	7 28
Plymouth Junction	8 47	.....	3 52	.....
Kingston	8 55	11 59	4 00	7 38
Bennett	8 58	.....	4 03	7 42
Forty Fort	9 00	.....	4 07	.....
Wyoming	9 05	12 08	4 12	7 48
West Pittston	9 10	.....	4 17	7 53
Susquehanna Ave	9 13	12 14	4 20	7 56
Pittston	9 19	12 17	4 24	8 01
Duryea	9 23	.....	4 29	8 06
Lackawanna	9 26	.....	4 32	8 10
Taylor	9 32	.....	4 40	8 17
Hellevue	.....	.....	.....	.....
SCRANTON	9 42	12 35	4 50	8 25
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

WEST.

STATIONS.	A. M	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
SCRANTON	6 35	10 10	1 55	16 35
Bellevue	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 44	10 17	2 03	6 44
Lackawanna	6 50	10 24	2 10	6 50
Duryea	6 53	10 28	2 13	6 53
Pittston	6 57	10 33	2 17	6 58
Susquehanna Ave	6 59	10 37	2 19	7 01
West Pittston	7 02	10 41	2 23	7 05
Wyoming	7 07	10 46	2 27	7 10
Forty Fort	.....	.....	2 31	.....
Bennett	7 14	10 52	2 34	7 17
Kingston	7 20	10 56	2 40	7 24
Plymouth Junction	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth	7 29	11 05	2 49	7 35
Avondale	.....	.....	2 54	7 39
Nanticoke	7 37	11 13	2 58	7 43
Hunlock's	7 43	11 19	3 06	7 49
Shickshinny	7 53	f11 31	3 27	f8 0
Hick's Ferry	8 03	11 43	3 30	8 11
Beach Haven	8 09	11 48	3 37	8 19
Berwick	8 15	11 54	3 44	8 27
Briarcreek	.....	.....	3 50	8 32
Willow Grove	18 24	.....	18 54	8 36
Lime Ridge	8 28	12 09	3 58	8 40
Espy	8 34	12 15	4 06	8 46
Bloomsburg	8 40	12 22	4 12	8 53
Rupert	8 45	12 25	4 15	8 57
Catawissa	8 50	12 32	4 22	9 02
Danville	9 05	12 44	4 33	9 15
Cameron	.....	12 57	4 43	9 24
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 30	1 10	4 55	9 35
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.

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SOUTH.— ARRIVE. a.m	a.m.	p m	p.m.	STATIONS.	—NORTH LEAVE am	pm	pm	a m
7 10	12.10	6.00	2..5	Bloomsbu'g	9.00	2.37	6.25	6.10
7 08	12.05	5.55	2.10	" P. & P	9.02	2.39	6.27	
7 0	12 02	5.53	2.08	" Main st.	9.05	2.42	6.30	
7.53	11.53	5.42	1.50	Paper Mill	9.15	2.52	6.40	6.37
6.51	11.50	5.39	1.45	.Light St.	9.18	2.55	6.44	6.50
6.40	11.42	5.31	1.30	Orangeville	9.26	3.03	6.53	7.10
6.39	11.31	5.21	1.00	...Forks...	9.36	3.13	7.03	7.35
6.28	11.29	5.17	12.53	...Zaner's..	9.40	3.17	7.07	7.45
6 18	11.21	5.08	12 45	Stillwater	9.48	3.25	7.15	8.00
6.08	11.13	5.00	12.35	Benton.	9.56	3.33	7.23	8.20
6.04	11.09	4.56	12.10	..Edson's..	10.00	3.37	7.27	8.40
6.02	11.06	4.53	12.05	.Cole's Cr'k	10.03	3.40	7.31	8.46
5.53	11.02	4.48	11.53	..Laubach..	10.08	3.45	7.41	9.00
5.43	10.51	4.38	11.45	...Central	10.15	3.52	7.51	9 25
5.40	10.48	4.35	11.30	.Jam. City.	10.18	3.58	7.55	9.35
am	am	pm	pm		am	pm	pm	am
LEAVE				Corrected to Jan. 30, 1903				ARRIVE

Columbia & Montour El. Ry.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 1902, and until further notice

Cars leave Bloom for Espy, Almedia, Lime Ridge, Berwick and intermediate points as follows:

A. M. 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40.

P. M. 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 2.20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.)

Leaving depart from Berwick one hour from time as given above, commencing at 6:00 a. m.

Leave Bloom for Catawissa A. M. 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:40.

P. M. 12:20, 1:00 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20 9:00 9:40, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.

Cars returning depart from Catawissa 20 minutes from time as given above

D. G. HACKETT, Superintendent.

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In effect May 17, 1903.

TRAINS LEAVE BLOOMSBURG

For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, weekdays 7.27 11.30 a m, 2.23 8.29 6.30 p. m.

For Williamsport, weekdays, 7.27 11:30 a m 12:20 3:29 6:30 p m

For Danville and Milton, weekdays, 7:27 11:30 a m 12:20 3.29 6:30 p. m.

For Catawissa weekdays 7.27, 11:30 a m 12.20, 6.30, p. m.

For Rupert weekdays 7.27, 11.30 a. m. 12:20 3.29, 6.30, p. m.

TRAINS FOR BLOOMSBURG;

Leave New York via Philadelphia, 8.10 p m., and via Easton 9.10a. m.

Leave Philadelphia 10.21a. m.

Leave Reading 12.15 p. m.

Leave Pottsville 12.55 p. m.

Leave Tamaqua 1.49 p. m.,

Leave Williamsport weekdays 11.00 a m, 4.30 p. m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 6.36, 8.20 a. m 1.38, 3.32 p.m.

Leave Rupert, weekdays, 6.44, 8.28, 11.40 a m. 1.38, 3.40 6.21 p. m.

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*9.00 A. M. Exp.	OCEAN CITY.	†5.00 P. M.
§10.00 A. M. Exp.		
†12.45 A. M. Exp.		SEA ISLE
†2.00 P. M. Exp.	a*8.45 A. M.	§*7.00 A. M.
†4.00 P. M. Exp.	†4.15 P. M.	†8.45 A. M.
*5.00 P. M. Lcl.	†5.00 P. M.	†4.15 P. M.

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PENNSYLVANIA Railroad.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 29, 1903.

NORTHWARD.

STATIONS.	A. M.	A. M.	P M	P. M.
Sunbury..... leave	‡ 6 45	‡ 9 55	‡ 2 00	‡ 5 25
Kilnes Grove	f 6 54	f 10 04	.....	f 5 35
Wolverton	f 6 58	f 10 06	‡ 2 10	‡ 5 37
Kipps Run	f 7 06	f 10 11	.....	f 5 44
South Danville	7 11	10 17	‡ 2 21	‡ 5 50
Danville	f 7 16	f 10 21	‡ 2 25	f 5 53
Boyd	f 7 23	f 10 28	‡ 2 31	f 6 01
Roaring Creek	f 7 32	10 35	‡ 2 36	6 08
Catawissa..... Arrive				
Catawissa..... Leave	‡ 7 32	‡ 10 35	‡ 2 36	‡ 6 08
East Bloomsburg	7 37	10 43	‡ 2 43	6 15
Bloomsburg				
Espy Ferry	f 7 42	f 10 47	.....	f 6 19
Stonytown Ferry	f 7 46	f 10 53	.....	f 6 27
Creasy	7 52	10 56	‡ 2 55	6 30
Nescopeck...Arrive	8 02	11 05	‡ 3 05	6 40
Berwick				
Nescopeck..... Leave	‡ 8 02	‡ 11 05	‡ 3 05	‡ 6 40
Wapwallopen	8 19	11 20	‡ 3 20	6 52
Pond Hill	f 8 23	f 11 25	‡ 3 25	f 6 56
Moncanaqua	8 31	11 32	‡ 3 30	7 01
Sickshinny				
Retreat	8 43	11 42	‡ 3 40	7 10
Nanticoke	8 54	11 54	‡ 3 49	7 19
Buttonwood	f 9 00	f 12 00	f ‡ 3 55	f ‡ 25
Plymouth Ferry	f 9 02	f 12 02	‡ 3 57	f ‡ 28
South Wilkesbarre	9 06	12 06	‡ 4 00	‡ 30
Hazle Street	9 08	12 08	‡ 4 03	‡ 33
Wilkesbarre ....Arrive	9 10	12 10	‡ 4 05	‡ 35
	A. M.	P. M	P. M.	P. M.

SOUTHWARD.

STATIONS.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Wilkesbarre..... Leave	‡ 7 25	‡ 10 35	‡ 2 45	‡ 6 00
Hazle Street	7 28	10 37	‡ 2 47	‡ 6 02
South Wilkesbarre	‡ 7 30	10 40	‡ 2 50	‡ 6 05
Plymouth Ferry	f ‡ 32	f 10 42	f ‡ 2 52	f ‡ 6 07
Buttonwood	f ‡ 35	f 10 45	f ‡ 2 54	f ‡ 6 09
Nanticoke	7 42	10 50	‡ 3 01	‡ 6 17
Retreat	7 51	10 58	‡ 3 10	‡ 6 26
Shickshinny	8 01	11 07	‡ 3 20	‡ 6 37
Mocanaqua				
Pond Hill	f ‡ 05	f 11 11	f ‡ 3 25	f ‡ 6 42
Wapwallopen	‡ 10	11 16	‡ 3 31	‡ 6 47
Nescopeck..... Arrive	‡ 18	11 26	‡ 3 42	‡ 7 00
Berwick	‡ 8 18	‡ 11 26	‡ 3 42	‡ 7 00
Nescopeck.... Leave	‡ 8 30	11 36	‡ 3 52	‡ 7 09
Creasy	f ‡ 33	f 11 38	f ‡ 3 54	f ‡ 7 12
Stonytown Ferry	‡ 8 42	f 11 46	f ‡ 4 02	f ‡ 7 20
Espy Ferry	8 47	11 50	‡ 4 06	‡ 7 25
Bloomsburg				
East bloomsburg	8 55	11 57	‡ 4 13	‡ 7 32
Catawissa..... Arrive				
Catawissa..... Leave	8 55	11 57	‡ 4 11	‡ 7 32
Roaring Creek	f 9 04	f 12 05	f ‡ 4 19	f ‡ 7 39
Boyd	f 9 10	f 12 11	f ‡ 4 26	f ‡ 7 46
Danville	9 14	12 15	‡ 4 31	‡ 7 51
South Danville				
Kipps Run	f 9 19	f 12 20	f ‡ 4 35	f ‡ 7 56
Wolverton	f 9 25	f 12 28	f ‡ 4 42	f ‡ 8 03
Kilnes Grove	f 9 27	f 12 30	f ‡ 4 45	f ‡ 8 06
Sunbury..... Arrive	‡ 9 35	‡ 12 40	‡ 4 55	‡ 8 15
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

‡ Daily. ‡ Daily, except Sunday. "f" Stops only on signal notice to Agent, or Conductor to receive or discharge passengers.

Trains leave BLOOMSBURG as follows:

For Pittston and Scranton as follows: 7.37 and 10.43 a. m., 2.43 and 6.15 p. m. week days; 10.43 a. m. Sundays.

For Pottsville, Reading and Philadelphia, 7.37 a. m. and 2.43 p. m. week days.

For Hazleton, 7.37 and 10.43 a. m , 2.43 and 6.15 p. m. week days.

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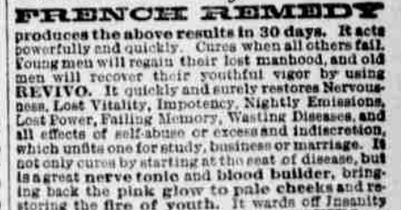

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Life can be made a success. It is not a question of climbing above poverty. It is a question of understanding life. So many of us have been lured away and fascinated by what turns out to be phantoms and false gods. We have to wheel back and begin over again and fight along again t tremendous odds, and yet with all that life can be made a success; for success consists in doing right, in doing the best you can with what you have, of years of experience, of sorrows, of chances of joys and of hope. Fight until the end.

The farmer who orders a man off his premises is considered the meanest man on earth; yet it is strange how so many consider themselves privileged to roam over his lands, gathering nuts and such fruits as they wish, under the plea that it is plentiful and he has more than he needs himself. It is in very few cases where a farmer would refuse to grant one the privilege of strolling over his farm and picking up a few nuts, and helping themselves to some of his fruits, if they would only ask permission to do so; but they seem to think the asking not at all nnecssary if he is a generous man. It is the same in respect to gunning, and the farmer must go to the trouble and expense of posting notices in order to prevent gunners from almost taking possession of his premises and often destroying his property.

Bad Money In Circulation.

The Hazleton *Sentinel* says bad money in silver pieces, nickels, dimes and quarters, with an occasional half dollar, is being circulated in that region. In this busy season when conductors of trolley cars are worked almost beyond their limit of endurance the counterfeiters and shovers of the queer find it comparatively easy to work off their accumulated stock of bad money.

There is no other time of the year when the capacity of the cars is taxed as at present and evidently for that reason the queer shovers have availed themselves of the opportunity to bestow upon the conductors many half do lars which fall far short of being a good fac simile of the true coin.

That they were being worked by a band of these men was discovered on Friday in Wilkes-Barre, by a few of the conductors who, when they attempted to make change, found they had received bogus coin. The counterfeit was stored away in a separate pocket and it became the duty of the conductors to make up the deficit.

Some of the worthless coins were shoved off on Bloomsburgers Saturday and it was no doubt done by the party that operated in Wilkes-Barre. Our merchants should exercise care in dealing with strangers. The money which has been received is made of very light materials noticeable when compared with ordinary coin. The ring of the bogus piece is flat and dull and it takes but a slight examination to detect the difference in the true and untrue pieces.

In Spain a field laborer receives on an average of 28 cents a day as wages, and this is without board.

FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

Prospect of a Hot Fight for the Legislature on the South Side—Four Candidates in the Field.

The following dispatch from Bloomsburg appeared in the Philadelphia *Press* of Monday:

"Ex-State Chairman William T. Creasy, of Catawissa, announces that he will be a candidate for the legislative nomination at the Democratic primaries next June. Under a rule of the Columbia County Democracy the south side of the county is entitled to one legislative nominee, and for several years Mr. Creasy has had a comparatively easy thing of it, no one apparently being willing to make a contest against him. Next year, however, there promises to be a change, and already three aspirants from Creasy's own town have announced their willingness to fill the position, which they maintain Creasy has held a sufficient length of time.

The candidates are Charles E. Randall, editor of the Catawissa *News Item;* ex-County Chairman C. A. Small and P. W. Gordon, a railroad conductor. All three men men have taken active part in local politics, and the June primaries on the south side promise to be the liveliest on record.

On the north side four candidates are already in the field for legislative honors to fill the place of Fred T. Ikeler, who will not again be a candidate. They are ex-District Attorney John G. Harman, ex-Representative William Chrisman, ex-Superintendent of Schools William C. Johnston, of Bloomsburg, and George B. Hummer, a lumber dealer of Elk Grove.

Mr. Johnston has announced that he will not be a candidate."

Suggestions For Better Jurors.

The Allentown *Morning Call* has entered the very general discussion now going on in the State regarding the average character of names placed in the jury wheel. Our contemporary sees that the trouble is that most citizens who would make the best jurymen resort to all sorts of devices to avoid the service.

It asserts that the laws regulating the selection of names for the jury wheel are in need of revision, and advances the suggestion that it should be made a misdemeanor for any man to try to influence a jury commissioner to omit his name. There is a great deal of force in that proposition. It is worthy of discussion and intelligent consideration, and it is well to have a free interchange of views on all features of the present system, since the attention now being given the subject all over the commonwealth indicates that it is pretty certain to be forced upon the next Legislature for some action.

Some of the present difficulty could be removed by the courts in many cases. It is not so in all districts, but it is the fact in many that men of more or less prominence in a community who are drawn for jury service are able to get excused on one pretext or another. The men who have the influence to secure this exemption—and too generally it is merely influence that gets them off—are just the citizens who are most needed on juries. They are men who would be likely to act with intelligence if they had the public spirit to serve or the courts would insist that they do their duty in their turn.

No doubt jury commissioners in many instances have much to answer for. They do not always measure up to their really grave responsibilities, but they are not to be held accountable for all that is wrong.—Philadelphia *Press*.

The new pipe organ for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, one-half of the cost of which was paid by Andrew Carnegie, is expected to arrive some time in January. A description of the instrument has already been given in these columns.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HORTICULTURE

The committee of Horticulture of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held at St. Louis next year, has appointed Cyrus T. Fox of Reading as Superintendent of Horticulture for Pennsylvania Mr. Fox has many friends and acquaintances and also some relatives, living in his county, who will be pleased to hear of his appointment. He is undoubtedly well qualified for the position as he has devoted nearly his whole life to the study of horticulture, and is an authority on the subject.

The *Lehigh Register* published at Allentown speaks of him as follows:

Mr. Fox will make the arrangements for the representation of this State in the Horticultural Department of the World's Fair, to be held next year in St. Louis, opening on April 30 and continuing six months.

Exhibits of fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants and shrubbery will be solicited from now until the opening of the exposition, and provision will be made for collecting the same and forwarding them to their destination. Exhibits will also be assembled at different points in the State while the Exposition is in progress. Winter varieties of fruit of this year's crop will be got together and put in cold storage at different places, to be drawn as needed.

For many years Mr. Fox has devoted much time and attention to the horticultural interests of the State, especially the pomological and has worked unselfishly for their protection and advancement. He has been the State Pomologist ever since the organization of the State Board of Agriculture in 1877, rendering valuable service, and serving all this time without pay, as there is no salary attached to the office. A report prepared by him and presented to the State Board of Agriculture on the first of January, 1895, was the first official notice that was given of the appearance in Pennsylvania of that dreaded and most destructive insect, the San Jose scale. This report was widely distributed among the fruit growers of the State and a copy was sent to every newspaper in Pennsylvania with a request to publish the remedies to be used in fighting the scale. Had the warning which was then given been generally heeded, many thousands of dollars would have been saved in the last nine years to the fruit growers of Pennsylvania. By the end of 1895 the San Jose scale had extended its depredations to twelve counties, and now, in the last month of 1903, there is not a county in the State in which it cannot be found.

It may be expected that Mr. Fox will do good work for the State in the matter of the horticultural display at St. Louis, in giving the Pennsylvania Commission the benefit of his more than thirty years' experience in the management of agricultural and horticultural exhibitions. His recent notable success as manager of the industrial and agricultural exposition held in the city of Roanoke, Va., may be regarded as pointing unerringly to what may be accomplished for Pennsylvania's honor and fame at St. Louis."

PRICE OF COAL MUST STAY UP.

Several Big Companies Will Shut Down During Holidays.

An Associated Press despatch of Dec. 19 says: The Lehigh Valley Coal Company and the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company announce a suspension of work from December 24 to January 4 and it is likely that this move will be followed by others. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company seem to favor this period of suspension and restriction.

Those familiar with the coal trade say there is a brisk demand for coal at present, and restriction is more to keep up prices for the Winter than because of overproduction. The prospects for a good Winter's work are bright as there is a brisk demand for coal at all the distributing points.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company will pay its employees 7 per cent. advance on the sliding scale for December. This company computes the wage rate in advance of the official figures of Charles P. Neill, and pays the men the increase during the month it is earned. The other companies pay the increase in the following month. The December rate is the same as the official rate for November, although the Lackawanna's November rate was but 6 per cent. over the scale.

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Pomona Grange Meeting.

The first quarterly meeting of Grange No. 5, of the subordinate granges of Columbia and Lower Luzerne Counties, will be held in the hall of Rohrsburg Grange No. 108 on the first Friday of January, 1904, at ten o'clock sharp.

The forenoon session will be devoted to the transaction of the ordinary routine business. In the afternoon the following program will be the order unless changed by the Grange:

PROGRAM.

The Welcome Address, Worthy Master Bro. Geo. B. Patterson, of Rohrsburg Grange.

Responded to by Bro. Russell Karns, of Benton Grange.

Music, Benton Grange Quartet.

Installation of officers for the Next Biennium, by Worthy State Lecturer Bro., Cornell.

Music, Columbia Grange.

Recitation, Sister Lizzie Heacock, Benton.

Select Reading, Bro. O. J. Hess, Col. Grange.

Music.

Address, by State Lecturer Bro. Cornell, Along Educational Lines.

Music.

A talk on the Good of the Order, W. S. Laubach.

The evening meeting will be devoted to the conferring of the degree of Pomona, if there be applicants for the same. Patrons from adjoining counties have a cordial invitation to attend and enjoy the day with us. W. J. BIDLEMAN, Worthy Lecturer.

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The Hon. C. A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, has been on the bench longer than any judge in Pennsylvania. In speaking of his unequaled term of services the *Democrat* of Lock Haven, speaks as follows:

"Today, December 15th, he could be seen sitting upon the bench in the court house in this city, disposing of legal points with his usual dispatch and quietly celebrating the 73rd anniversary of his birth and at the same time celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of his service on the bench. This is the longest consecutive term any judge in any district in the State has served. Judge Mayer has five years of his present term yet to serve and judging from his appearance he will serve out that time and have several years to spare to caper with the young fellows after he has rounded out his forty years on the bench.

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CALENDARS.

It is our custom to present a calendar to all subscribers who have paid within a year. We are adhering strictly to that rule this year. Those of our Bloomsburg subscribers who come under this head, can get a calendar by calling at the office. Those residing out of town will receive them by mail next week. If you do not get one, look at your last receipt and see if you are entitled to it.

Centralia Loses School Principal.

W. S. Robinson, supervising principal of the Centralia public schools, was elected professor of mathematics in the Shamokin High School, succeeding E. E. Arnold, who takes a position on the Mineral Mining Company's engineering corps on January 1st. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of Bucknell, and went to Centralia from Berwick at the beginning of the present term. The Centralia schools have been closed during the smallpox epidemic. Mr. Robinson was popular there and many will regret to see him go.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

A Merry Christmas to all our readers.

H F. Dieffenbach has leased the race at Irondale for ice harvesting purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rinker were bereft of an infant child by death on Thursday last.

Albums will never go out of use and are very useful Christmas presents. See Mercer's stock before you buy.

Some folks are so busy digging up trouble that they could not see a blessing if it hit them on the nose.

Paul E. Wirt has moved all his offices to the factory on Iron Street, and his entire equipment is now under one roof.

We will show you a nice line of Holiday goods for Christmas 1903. J. H. Mercer, 108 Main St.

J. W. Prosser and family have shipped their household goods to Philadelphia, where they expect to reside in the future.

There will be fewer turkey dinners about this place than has been for some years past. That fine eating bird roosts too high.

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Oscar Ernest and Miss Anna L. Raup, two popular young people of Pennsyl, were united in marriage by Rev. Altpeter, at Catawissa Saturday evening.

Helen M. Transeau, a three year old grand-child of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Transeau, died of croup, at the latter's home on Iron Street, Thursday evening.

We also have some burnt wood novelties that are both pretty and cheap at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The Christmas trade has been unusually large in Bloomsburg this year. Gift buying is on with a rush today. The whole town is throbbing with the gayety of the season.

Charles Sterling won a handsome $6.00 punch bowl that was chanced off by W. S. Rishton on Friday. Mr. Sterling held only one chance while several others had twelve and fifteen.

Lamps. The designs in lamps at Mercer's are far superior ot any in Bloomsburg, take a look at them.

The Wilmington Base ball club has secured the services of Dr. Aldinger and John Hummel for the season of 1904. Both made enviable records at Wilmington, last season.

Plans are being formulated which will probably make possible the extension of the rural free delivery service throughout the entire south side of the county with the central or distributing office at Catawissa.

The White Milling Company, in keeping with its custom, yesterday presented each employee with a nice large turkey.

We are showing a very fine line of birch bark novelties and trinkets that are made by the Penobscott Indians of Maine. Trimmed with Indian sweet grass that never looses its fragrance. Mercer's Drug and Book tore.

Mrs. Mary McHenry passed away at the home of her son, George McHenry at Benton, Thursday of last week, in her seventy-eighth year. The funeral took place on Saturday. Services were held in the Chrastian Church at Derrs.

The Mantelli Graud Opera Co. which was to have appeared here Saturday last was concelled by the Opera House Manager. The attendance at the play house of late has been so discouraging that he feared he could not raise the guarantee.

"Whitewashing Julia" is the title of a new play. This opens up new possibilities for the playwrights, who have recently had hard work finding titles for their pieces. We may also expect to hear of "Scrubbing Suzan," "Painting Penelope," "Rubbing Rebecca," etc.

Light Street is to have a genuine up to date minstrel entertainment on New Year's night. Nothing in minstrelsy has been overlooked, and the show promises to be one that will do the young men credit. The proceeds will go to the Light Street Band, and the P. O. S. of A. Hall should be packed.

Edward Broadt will leave to-day for East Prospect, Pa. where he will be married to-night to Miss Maggie Lee, formerly of town. The lower side of the Funston property, corner of Market and Fifth Streets has been furnished for their occupancy and they will go to housekeeping at once.

We have received from J. H. Maize, agent of the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, of Scranton, a large desk blotter. This company does a general business in its line, furnishing security on bonds of administrators, guardians, trustees, public officers and everybody who has to give a bond for faithful performance of duty.

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On the evening of Christmas day the Sunday School of the M. E. church of Buckhorn will render the service entitled, "Christmas Joy Bells." The noted fan drill conducted by Mrs. J. E. A. Bucke will be given by fourteen girls. Also a "Magic Christmas Tree" will be displayed. All are invited.

The Elks are planning to have open house New Year's eve. An entertaining and enjoyable program is being arranged including magic, mirth and music. They have secured S. Ansbach, the celebrated magician, for the occasion, and an orchestra will be present. Elks will be here from other towns, and the evening will be a delightful one.

This is the weather when one wishes his ears were made of tin or some other nerveless stuff. The man in charge of the cold gates must have let 'em fly open and then gone off on a vacation. One thing sure, if this Maine weather keeps up it will swell the Esquimo mission fund. One needn't be out of doors more than ten minutes to get up a supply of sympathy for the poor wall-eyed denizen of the icy hut up in reindeer land. But those unfortunates of the land of sunless days are lucky in one respect: they don't have to count out $400 for a polar bear skin coat.

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John G. McHenry of Benton, was in town on Friday.

Clyde Hirleman, of Benton, was in town on Tuesday.

Louis Buckalew is clerking in Dentler's Shoe Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wigfall are visiting in Philadelphia.

Joe Cohen is home from Penn'a. University for the holidays.

Frank Zarr is home from Gettysburg College, for the holidays.

Dr. J. S. Lazarus, of Mt. Carmel, spent yesterday in town.

Elwell Funk is home from Lehigh University for the holidays.

Donald Herring of Princeton University, is home for the holidays.

Geo. Mausteller, of Jerseytown, dropped in to see us on Monday.

J. E. Roys has placed a handsome new cash register in his store.

E. H. Sloan of Orangeville, was circulating on our streets yesterday.

Miss Ruth Turner went to Philadelphia on Tuesday to visit relatives.

Ray Hagenbuch is home from school at Lawrenceville for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Williams, of Scranton, are spending the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Yorks arrived home from New York City Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. B. A. Gidding and daughter, are visiting Mrs. Gidding's parents at Mt. Carmel.

Mr and Mrs. M. P. Lutz went to Chicago on Monday to spend a week with their son Frank.

Capt. John M. Buckalew, one of Fishingcreek township's stalwarts was in town on Friday.

Samuel J. Harvey, one of Benton's representative citizens was noticed on our streets Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Aldinger went to Wilmington, Del., on Monday to spend Christmas.

Mrs Wm. Leverett, of Phila., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Elwell. Mr. Leverett will arrive today.

Lafayette Keeler, of Benton, passed through town on Tuesday on his way to Pske County, where he is engaged on a lumber job.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Kirk and daughter of Watsontown, are the guests of Mrs. Kirk's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Frymire on East Street.

Harry Wilbur, a student of Dickinson College, Carlisle is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Wilbur, on First Street.

Miss Leah Shultz arrived at her home at Rohrsburg, on Saturday, from Montrose, Pa where she is teaching school. She will remain over the holidays.

William Peacock who is employed by P. McManus & Co. at Glen Campbell, Indiana County, is spending the holidays with his mother on Centre Street.

Mrs. C. W. McKelvy and daughter Margaret went to Philadelphia to spend a week, and Mrs. McKelvy had an attack of grippe which kept them through the second week, and as soon as she was able to come home Margaret was taken sick with tonsilitis, which delayed them another week. Mr. McKelvy went down after them, and contracted a severe cold. They all returned home on Monday.

The Wheelmen cleared $242.00 on their minstrel show.

The largest line of crepe paper all colors, in Bloomsburg at Mercer's

Sheriff-elect William W. Black took oath of office before Register and Recorder J. C. Rutter, Jr. yesterday. He is now ready to take charge of the office on January 1ts.

For Bibles and Testaments both large and small go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Roy Workheiser of Jerseytown, sold nearly four tons of turkeys in the Mahanoy City markets this week. He will go to the same market next week with two more tons.

The Catawissa Hose Company has issued invitations for its first annual dance to be held in Irvin's Hall, Dec. 29. The Friendship Fire Company of town will attend in uniform, accompanied by their wives and ladies.

This is a hard season for traveling theatrical troupes, and they are falling by the way daily. No less than fifteen local engagements have been cancelled within the last week, and unless something turns up in the meantime the town will be showless till Jan. 15.

Worry, Care, Grief.

overwork of mind or body, exposure, loss of sleep, too much food, too little food, the wrong food, or any of fifty causes may provoke an attack of rheumatism, kidney trouble or gout. On first signs use Dr. David Kennedy's *new* medicine, Cal-cura Solvent, and write to the Cal-cura Company, Rondout, N. Y., for a booklet, and a free sample bottle.

$8,000 for the Loss of a Leg.

The case of Herman Fullmer vs. the New York Central Railroad Company, the plaintiff suing for damages for the loss of a leg, was tried in the civil court at Williamsport last week. The defendant's attorney took the stand that no negligence had been shown and called no witnesses. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $8,000. Fullmer was an employe of the company and was making repairs under a car which was struck by a shifting engine.

A Merry Christmas to all!!

H. J. CLARK & SON.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

We have made many big reductions on many lines of goods. You have an opportunity of saving money on your purchases now caused by our rebuilding. Come and see.

DRESS GOODS.

Here's where you will find big reductions.

1.25 Black Cheviot, now 1.00 a yard.
1.00 Suitings, now 85 cts.
62c. Suitings, now 50 cts.
1.20 Suitings, now 90 cts.
85c. Suitings, now 65 cts.

WHITE DRESS GOODS.

Many lines of heavy white materials at reduced prices. Suitable for waists, dresses and childrens' wear.

FELT HAT SHAPES.

Big reductions. Newest shapes. Seal napped beavers now 1.75 each. Many others, see them.

FINE FURS.

The balance of our choice fine furs at a big reduction. If you want a fine fur a real bargain awaits you.

SEPERATE SKIRTS.

Both in Dress and walking lengths, all this season's styles at a big reduction.

TRIMMED HATS.

The remainder of our fine trimmed hats at a big reduction in price. See them.

SILK REMNANTS.

Goods that sold at 1.00 and 1.25 a yard now closing out on the basis of 50 cents a yard. No pieces cut.

EXTRA—We allow 10 per cent. discount on all sales of $1.00 and over.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

TALK NO. 52.

The Last Call to Christmas Bargains.

The Gift Buyer who comes to us makes no mistake. Every purchase from our beautiful stock means a Merry Christmas for some one. We know what you want. The pleasing selection—the good quality—and the reasonable price. We give it. You will delight in our new stock because it is in close touch with the times and anticipates your every want in gift making. Presents for everybody. Good things—plenty of them—suitable for old and young. Come and get the very best and save in the buying.

Geo. W. Hess,

OPTICIAN AND JEWELER, BLOOMSBURG, PENNA

Attractive Clubbing Offers for 1904

Arrangements have been made whereby we can offer our subscribers some leading publications at greatly reduced rates. Below are four different offers. Read them over:

FIRST OFFER.

We will give THE COLUMBIAN for one year, regular price $1.00, with the *Farm and Fireside* for one year (two issues each month), regular price 50 cents, and a Peerless Picture (your choice of 24), regular price $1.00 (total value $2.50.)

All THREE For - $1.00

SECOND OFFER.

THE COLUMBIAN, - - -	$1.00
"New York World", Thrice-a-week,	$1.00
Regular price of both, - -	$2.00

We will send the two for one year for - - $1.60

THIRD OFFER.

THE COLUMBIAN, - - -	$1.00
"New York Tribune Farmer", -	$1.00
Regular price for both,	$2.00

We will send the two for one year for - - - $1.25

FOURTH OFFER.

THE COLUMBIAN, - - -	$1.00
"The Cosmopolitan Magazine",	$1.00
"The Twentieth Century Home",	$1.00
Regular price for the three -	$3.00

We will send the three publications for one year for $2.00

Address: The Columbian, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The *Farm and Fireside* is a splendid semi-monthly magazine of 24 to 32 good-sized pages, plain print and nicely illustrated. Read our first offer.

The New York *Thrice-a-Week World* contains six pages every issue, and as its name indicates, comes three times a week. It is too well known to need any introduction. We offer it for a little over half the regular price. See our second offer.

The New York *Tribune Farmer* is an illustrated weekly, and one of the best of its class. It is full of valuable information to tillers of the soil. You can get it through our club for one-fourth its regular price. See third offer.

The *Cosmopolitan Magazine* is known in every home. There are none better and few as good.

The *Twentieth Century Home* is a new magazine published by the Cosmopolitan Company in their beautiful building on the Hudson. It has many new and striking features, and aims at the same high standard as the *Cosmopolitan*. We have made an arrangement by which we are enabled to present you with this valuable publication for one year free. Read our fourth offer.

Where can you get so much good reading matter for so little money? We cannot tell how long we will be able to continue these offers. Don't lose the opportunity, but send in your order now.

All orders must be accompanied with the cash.

Sample copies of these papers will be sent on request. The Magazines can be seen at this office.

CEO. E. ELWELL, Proprietor.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL for a well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary $20.00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 230 Dearborn St. Chicago. 11-12 16t

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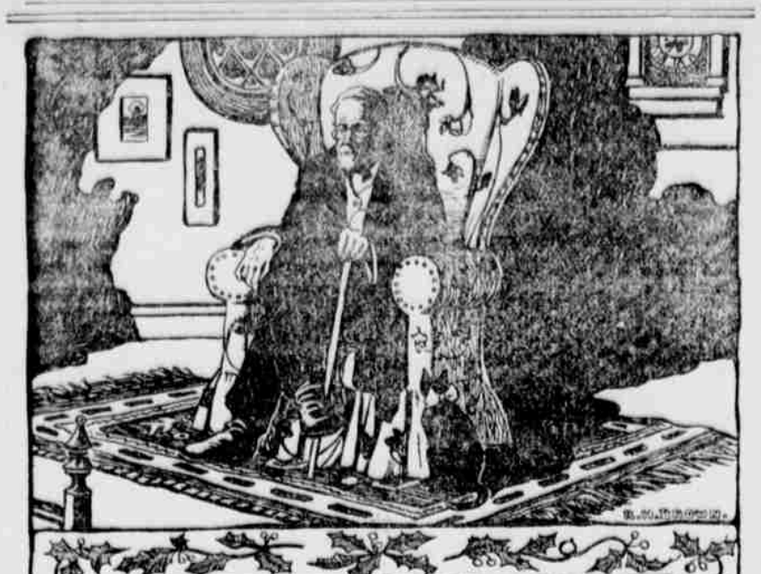


A Dream of Christmas

I WATCH the glowing embers as the moments fli away,
For Christmas will be with us in the morning cold and gray,
The winds sleep in the valleys and the stars shine on the snow
The while I dream of Christmases that vanished long ago;
I see the tiny stockings hanging by the ruddy hearth,
In every room this holy night is hushed the childish mirth,
For the little ones are sleeping 'neath the winter's azure dome,
A-dreaming of the happy hour when Santa Claus shall come.

WHO would not for a moment wander to the Long Ago
To see the little stockings hanging in a cozy row?
Who would not draw the coverlid from each well cherished face
And gaze upon the children in their innocence and grace?
I see them sweetly sleeping and about them all is still,
They do not hear the jingling bells upon the whitened hill;
Cheek to cheek they lie in slumber, angel guarded, as I know,
A vision of some Christmas fair that flitted long ago.

WHO plucks not from the vanished Past some Christmas like to this?
Who feels not still upon his brow some holy Christmas kiss?
The bells that ring to-night beneath the sky's star diadem
Tell more than that sweet story of the Babe of Bethlehem;
They bring to us from out the Past the loves we cherish yet,
Their tones recall the Christmases we never quite forget,
We've but to listen now to hear the bells across the snow
That ring once more deep in our hearts as in the Long Ago.

BUT in the chimes to-night I hear a music not of earth—
The star-born chorus that proclaimed the humble Christ-child's birth.
And a sweet, immortal vision comes from Judah far away
Where dawned in grandeur and in love the world's first Christmas Day;
Methinks I hear a tapping at my window framed in white,
'Tis not the bells which on the hills ring out this winter night;
Nay, surely 'tis a tapping, rising soft above the din,
And, dreaming, I the casement seek to let the Christ-child in.

T. C. HARBAUGH.

The Prince of Peace

At His Name Every Knee Shall Bow and Every Tongue Confess

EVERY country of earth offers an apotheosis in the person of some great man who distinguished himself in some great crisis in its affairs. Switzerland idolizes William Tell, Russia her Peter the Great, Prussia her Frederick the Great, France her Napoleon, Italy her Garibaldi, England her Alfred the Great and the United States her Washington.

It is food for reflection that in the selections of heroes and in hero worship it is an invariable rule, not a single exception being known in all history, that choice is made of one who has crowned his life with deeds done in battle. By and through the flash of the sword alone has immortality of fame been won by mortals.

The scimiter of Mohammed and not his Koran conquered Arabia, Armenia and the Balkans. Moses was a lawgiver, but he also was a mighty warrior and led his followers on from one victory to another. It is he and Joshua and David and John Hyrcanus, all intrepid soldiers, who have made glorious the history of the Jewish people. The history of Mohammedanism is written in blood and Omar and Saladin stand out prominent in its records. So with other nations. Deeds, deeds only, and these calling for great holocausts of human lives, to make imperishable some individual name.

Christmas day offers an anomaly, however, in the history of men who have lived and wrought wonders. The Christ was a man of peace, deploring war. What is yet more strange, He is glorified through His words and not through His deeds. The Heavenly voice said to the simple shepherd on the plains of Bethlehem: "Behold! I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." And the accompanying choir with ineffable melody sang the refrain: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace."

The Christ-birth and the Christ-life stand forth the opposite of all other great lives that have filled pages in earth's history. Born of humble parentage in a stable, amid the lowing of kine and the raucous complaining of discontented cattle, reared in the far-away bleak hills of Galilee, engaged daily in sawing logs into boards, or planing the latter into smoothness, He steps forth suddenly, at the age of 28, as a teacher of righteousness. Not among strangers, but in the midst of His own people, He appeared, and they were astounded at the profundity of His knowledge. As though to persuade themselves that they were not mistaken as to His identity, they asked of one another: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

His life work was brief, but four short years! Compare this with the years spent by other illuminati of earth in perpetuating their fame. Without use of money, or influence, or numbers, and without courting favor of the rich and powerful, He went about from town to town preaching His gospel of peace and love. Those who gathered to Him were poor men—fishermen, publicans, small farmers or herdsmen, rather.

The waters of the sea of Judea were but little stirred by His presence. So little was His presence felt that no contemporaneous historian of His time, outside of His immediate followers, makes any reference to His life or His works. Josephus, a voluminous and very just historian, ignores Him utterly. No record has been found at Rome of His death, so little impression did it make upon the mind of Pilate.

True it is that He healed sick men, cleansed lepers, raised the dead and cast out devils. But these were subordinate and incidental only to His life-work, which was that of proclaiming a new gospel—that men should love one another. He made no parade of miracle-working. It was only when the suffering were brought into His presence that He made exercise of His divine power in healing.

He died the most shameful, disgraceful death known to His generation. In his extremity He was deserted even by His most devoted followers. He trod the wine-press of agony alone.

Yet this Man of Sorrows has conquered the world. Other illustrious men lived out their little day and all that remains of them is the memory of their deeds. They sought to build up material kingdoms; Christ's realm is in the hearts of men. His teachings have survived the overthrow of a thousand kingdoms of earth. His words to-day are as potent to sway men as when they came burning from His lips. All the higher civilization of earth yields Him reverence and homage.

Age but serves to strengthen the might of His power and to confirm the promise of the prophecy: "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess."

WILLIAM ROSSER COBBE.

HIS CHRISTMAS HOPE.

"Whatcher goin' to git for Christmas?"

"Par promised me a lickin', but I've prayed Santa Claus ter make him fergit it."

LIKED HIS LONG STOCKINGS.

"Do you want mamma to put you in long trousers, Tommy?"

"Not till after Christmas, sis."

DUN'S CHEERFUL OUTLOOK.

Trade in Many Lines Has Recently Taken Turn for Better.

R. G. Dunn & Co's. weekly review of trade for last week says: Business is decidedly better than at any recent date, and the improvement is not confined to activity in holiday goods, although the best reports concern those lines. Building permits issued during the month of November, exceeded the same month last year, railway tonnage is heavy and several manufacturing branches are starting idle machinery.

Confidence is increasing in the iron and steel industry and the feeling is becoming more general that prices will not be materially lower, except possibly in some departments that have not yet participated in the readjustment. It is encouraging to find some improvement in demand for pig iron, although no extensive tonnage is expected to be taken until 1904. The steel markets have been in a state of uncertainity during the past week, owing to the numerous meetings in progress for the settlement of price lists and wage scales. Most producers insisted that new business would not be accelerated by further concessions yet outside mills were offering better terms, notably in the case of billets. Structural material is gradually reviving, contracts for new bridges and buildings coming forward, and it is known that much construction work is scheduled for early in the spring. A further advance in tin was secured by manipulators at London, yet there is no increase in the legitimate consumption demand. Other minor metals rule steady.

At last it is possible to chronicle a substantial advance in quotations for cotton goods, although the market is still far below a parity with current prices for the raw material. Purchases are still restricted to immediate requirements.

Failures this week numbered 329 in the United States against 267 last year.

A Badge for Firemen.

At the last session of the State Firemen's association, held at Allentown, an official badge to be worn by the members of the association was adopted. These badges are now being issued, but so far as we know none of them have yet reached Bloomsburg. The badge is of solid gold about the size of a quarter of a dollar. Surmounting the upper rim is a miniature fireman's hat. On a semi-circle of purple enamel is the word "Member," while in the center of a white enamel keystone are the letters "F. A. S. P.," meaning Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania, the title under which the association is chartered. Each fireman in the State who is a member in good standing of any fire company in good standing in the State Association is entitled to wear one of these badges.

Some Foolish People,

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. *Trial size free.* At all druggists. 12-17 4t

The Bad Ones.

An exchange says: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the editor, then the advertiser, which was all good. The next day it snowed and He created the man who does not believe in advertising and another who does not take the home paper. And then the devil got into the moulding room and created the man who takes the paper for several years and fails to pay for it. After he had completed that sorry job and having a few lumps left, he created the excuse of a man who settles his subscription by instructing the postmaster to mark his paper "refused.'

More Suits for Coal Lands.

The bringing of suits against coal companies to recover lands has grown to the proportions of a craze says the Hazleton *Sentinel*. No sooner is one case thrown out of court than another is sprung. The latest is the case of the heirs of Valentine Brobst, Sr., against the L. V. Coal Co. Suits in Schuylkill, Luzerne, Lycoming, Carbon, Lehigh, Bucks, Columbia and Dauphin will be brought against coal companies involving title to land worth one hundred millions.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

THE REASON WHY.

The reason why farm-reared boys achieve success in all lines of business and the professions, is not far to seek. It is due primarily to the habits of industry and thrift and self-reliance which he acquires in youth and retains through manhood. The farm boy learns to get up early and if there are any one of those proverbial fat worms around, this bright bird is apt to catch them. He has half a day's work done before the city boy has left his downy couch. As he rises early so he retires at a seemly hour healthily wearied with his work and in condition to enjoy "nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," as only a tired country boy knows how. He grows up strong, healthy and energetic, and, best of all, has that best equipment for worldly success, a sound mind in a sound body.—*Ex.*

WOMEN WHO WEAR WELL.—It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life will make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant drains which are often consequent on marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness. As surely as the general health suffers when there is derangement of the health of the delicate womanly organs, so surely when these organs are established in health the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed comeliness. Half a million women and more have found health and happiness in the use of Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

The leg of mutton is generally afflicted with boils.

NASAL CATARRH quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. A cold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

Even the most ardent temperance advocate can't prevent the money market from getting tight occasionally.

Faith Wanted for 30 Minutes. We will positively cure you of nervousness, sleeplessness, indigestion and heart disease, if you will only have sufficient faith to take one dose of Dr Agnew's Heart Cure. To believe in this instance means health to you. It will relieve every form of heart disease in 30 minutes. It strengthens the nerves by feeding them through the heart. —17 Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Nell—"Why did she accept him? Did he give a good account of himself?" Belle—"The very best. A good bank account."

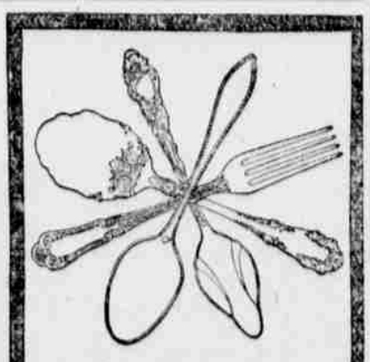
Those Worrying Piles!—One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of Blind, Bleeding, or Itching Piles. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures Eczema and all itching and burning skin diseases. It acts like magic. 35 cents. —18 Sold by C. A. Kleim.

"Time may be money," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "but it doesn't pay to waste a dollar's worth of time trying to save a penny"

Her Heart Like a Polluted Spring.—Mrs. James Srigley, Pelee Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured the heart trouble with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments vanish like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—19
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

"No; we don't have no sickness, worth speakin' of out our way," said the suburban Mrs. Malaprop. "In fact, the morality rate is very small."

Never Worry.—Take them and go about your business—they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial, 10 cents—20
Sold by C. A. Kleim.



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The trade mark
"1847 Rogers Bros."
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LIGHT AND DARK.

Day and night, sunshine and shadow are not more different from each other than a healthful from a sickly woman. The healthful woman carries light and sunshine with her wherever she goes.

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FEBRUARY JURYMEN.

Men Who Will Sit on Cases at the Next Regular Court of Quarter Session.

The two jury commissioners, Shultz and Hagenbuch, assisted by Sheriff Knorr, were busy on Monday, drawing from the wheel the jurymen for the February term of court. The list in full is as follows:

GRAND JURORS.

Harry B. Correll, Bloomsburg.
C. H. Dildine, Greenwood.
Emanuel Gilbert, Mt. Pleasant.
John Getty, Sugarloaf.
Andrew M. Girton, Montour.
Abijah Hess, Sugarloaf.
H. C. Hoaglan, Mifflin.
A. C. Hagenbuch, Centre.
David Jones, Conyngham.
John Johnston, Greenwood.
Frank Jones, Bloomsburg.
Francis H. Jones, Fishingcreek.
John Kirkendall, Mifflin.
B. F. Kashner, Pine.
J. P. Laubach, Sugarloaf.
H. G. Miller, Mifflin.
Wilson Rhodes, Locust.
John Shultz, Greenwood.
William Thomas, Bloom.
John M. Welsh, Orange Twp.
John Whitesides, Conyngham.
Benjamin E. Whitmoyer, Pine.
Charles M. Wenner, Fishingcreek.
D. F. Weiss, Bloomsburg.

TRAVERSE JURORS—First Week.

C. R. Bower, Briarcreek.
David Brady, Greenwood.
Milton H. Bitler, Pine.
A. B. Catheart, Bloom.
J. S. Cole, Millville.
Philip Creasy, Mt. Pleasant.
O. W. Crawford, Bloom.
Ira Cherington, Roaringcreek.
John C. Cryder, Centre.
S. Dennison Cole, Benton Twp.
Amos W. Dreibelbis, Mt. Pleasant.
Orville Eves, Mt. Pleasant.
J. H. Eisnhower, Mifflin.
Frank Faust, Berwick.
Wesley Fleming, Montour.
Parvin Fritz, Fishingereek.
Samuel Giger, Bloomsburg.
Abram Hartman, Madison.
W. H. Henrie, Bloom.
T. W. Hartman, Scott.
Boyd Henry, Scott.
Harry Hartman, Franklin.
William J. Haines, Centralia Boro.
William Harry, Berwick.
J. P. Hill, Sugarloaf.
Harry Hendershott, Madison.
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O. D. McHenry, Stillwater.
James McBride, Montour.
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C. W. Runyan, Bloom.
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W. B. Snydor, Locust.
J. C. Shultz, Madison.
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J. B. Welliver, Millville.
Amos Wanich, Hemlock.
Charles Wagner, Locust.
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TRAVERSE JURORS—Second Week.

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Charles Drumheller, Catawissa Twp.
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THE GRANGE

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NATIONAL GRANGE.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.

In a Strong Address National Master Aaron Jones Urges the Extension of Agricultural Education — Remarks on Farming in General and Its Decline.

The national grange, Patrons of Husbandry, opened its thirty-seventh annual session at Rochester on Nov. 11. The local committee, aided by the chamber of commerce, had prepared an excellent programme for the public meeting. Mayor Rodenbeck gave an address of welcome, which was responded to by National Master Hon. Aaron Jones of Indiana. Governor N. J. Bachelder of Concord, N. H., lecturer of the national grange, spoke most entertainingly on "The Nation." Hon. George A. Benton discussed "Fraternal Societies," and Hon. E. B. Norris, master of the New York state grange, discussed various features of grange work. Music and recitations added much to the pleasure of the meeting.

The executive sessions began on Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, to continue ten days. The national master gave his annual address, a synopsis of which follows.

On education the national master said: "Public opinion is becoming more and more pronounced each year in favor of nature studies and elementary principles of agriculture being taught in our public schools. I believe that in the near future this feature will become a part of our public school system. Every grange in the United States should, in fact and in practice, be a school for the practical demonstration of the possibilities of the farm; it should be a farmers' institute, a literary society teaching practical agriculture and developing trained minds."

On the subject of co-operation among farmers he stated: "I am more and more convinced that the time has come when the farmer must provide for the distribution and sale of the products of the farm. Shall farmers longer depend upon others, petitioning legislatures and congress to enact laws and await the delays and uncertainty of the courts enforcing them to protect their rights, or shall farmers get together in a lawful, orderly, business way to guard their rights, as other great interests are guarded and protected? Farmers should provide granaries and storage on their farms and not be compelled to rush their products into public elevators and into the hands of speculators."

On agriculture in general Mr. Jones said that "notwithstanding the industry, frugality and energy of the 5,800,000 sturdy farmers and the aid rendered by the department of agriculture, agriculture has not expanded and prospered as other great lines of industries have done. The treasury bureau says that the increase of agricultural production in thirty years was 92.1 per cent, while the export during the same time increased 131.8 per cent. The production of manufactured articles was enlarged 209.1 per cent, while exports of manufactures increased 537.7 per cent during the same thirty years.

"In 1856 farmers owned 55.59 per cent of the entire wealth of the nation. In 1900 they owned only 21.27 per cent of the wealth of the nation; thus farmers are losing their relative position in the wealth and production of the nation. If this be true, it is our duty to investigate and discover the causes that have contributed to this condition and aid in their remedy or removal. If found that the laws have discriminated and contributed to this condition, amend or repeal them; if it be found that combinations of capital or labor unions, excessive and discriminating transportation charges are some of the causes, correct these abuses."

An Excellent Programme.

We give the following outline programme of the Middlesex-Worcester-Pomona, held Oct. 7, as one almost ideal in its makeup of topics: Papers were prepared on "Lily Culture," by Mrs. J. R. Shattuck; "How to Bud Trees," by F. G. Pratt; "Butter Making," by C. N. Sayles; "Adulterations In Food," by Mrs. Clara Barry; "Butter of Different Nations," by Mrs. C. F. Watts; "Ice as a Necessity," by W. S. Parker; "Angora Goats," by John Wooldredge, and "Good Things Made From Corn," by Miss Jennie Howard. A discussion was also held on "Should the salaries of government officials be placed on a basis of similar service in private business?" Two outside speakers were secured—Mr. G. H. Frost of Newton, who spoke on "Ornamental Planting For Country Homes," and Mrs. E. F. Boland of Boston, who gave a pleasing address on "Woman's Responsibility to the State."

Successful Patrons' Insurance Company.

One of the successful mutual fire insurance companies of the state is the Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance company (limited) of Lenawee county, Mich. They have now at risk $1,765,000, a gain of $100,000 since last annual meeting, Jan. 12, 1903. The last assessment was made Sept. 19, 1902, of 75 cents per $1,000. Since that date the total losses have been but 60 cents per $1,000. The first policy issued is dated Aug. 30, 1897. Since that date the total assessments have been $6.05, or an average of about $1 per $1,000 each year.

THE STATE GRANGE.

Report of the Committee on State Grange Legislation, 1903.

Report of legislative committee of Pennsylvania State Grange.

WILKES-BARRE, Dec. 10, 1903.

Worthy Master and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange:

The legislative committee of this body desires to report that we have given during the past year careful consideration to legislation affecting the agricultural interest of Pennsylvania. During the session of the legislature of 1903 your committee prepared and was instrumental in having introduced several bills and amendments that were in accord with the instructions of this body one year ago.

TAXATION.

In the matter of equalization of taxation the tendency of the last legislature was to make still more glaring the existing inequalities. This was done by passing laws which in their operation will materially increase local taxation.

In our report submitted one year ago we quoted at length from the current State reports, showing the appraised value of real estate to be $2,776,829,685, upon which taxes were paid to the amount of $44,434,937.83, making an average tax rate of 16 mills. While it is argued by some that real estate is not rated at its full value for tax purposes it will be found that farm land and small homes are assessed at more nearly their full value than are many real estate properties in towns and cities. This same inequality exists to a greater extent in the assessed valuation compared with the actual value of large corporations subject to local taxation, among which we name coal lands and manufacturing properties. Many of these are not assessed at over 4 per cent. of their real value.

Our report of last year further states that the aggregate, estimated, appraised value of corporate and personal property is $4,725,460,277.68, upon which taxes are paid to the amount of $14,061,474.08, making the average tax rate on these forms of property to be 3 mills.

Therefore we reiterate that the State must either assume a larger proportion of the local burdens or relinquish a large number of subjects for local taxation, as it is unfair to exact an average of but 3 mills on personal and corporate property, while real estate is required to pay 16 mills. In support of this position your committee had bills introduced at the last session of the legislature providing that the mercantile licenses and retail liquor licenses and the one-fourth part of the personal property tax now paid to the State be retained by the counties. All these bills were pigeon-holed in the committee. There are other license taxes which should be retained by the counties. This would result in lowering county taxes and the condition of the State Treasury warrants us in taking this position, for according to report there was on Dec. 1 a balance of over fifteen millions of dollars in the State Treasury. Under present laws this surplus is of no relief to the local taxpayer, while it breeds extravagance and corruption in State affairs. A large sum of this money is license taxes as shown by the auditor general's report of 1902, which gives the amount of these taxes as follows:

Retail mercantile license	$632,303.05
Wholesale mercantile license	240,114.93
Retail liquor license	625,958.72
Wholesale liquor license	513,365.20
Brewers' license	270,121.15
Distillers license	41,174.93
Bottlers' license	160,296.27
Billiard license	54,459.66
Brokers' license	30,606.40
Auctioneers' license	16,602.17
Peddlers' license	5,317.30
Theatre license	22,617.25
Eating house license	28,413.25
Or a total license tax of	$2,646,350.37
Add to this ½ of the personal property tax now retained by the State	$ 882,344.25
Tax on county loans	154,720.64
Tax on municipal loans	106,245.05
Total	$3,789,660.31

This amount the State can well afford to leave in the counties and municipalities. We can see no reason why the merchant, who uses the schools, roads, etc., the same as the farmer, pays his tax to the State while the farmer pays his to the local authorities. The same is true of the license taxes. The personal property tax is mostly raised from judgments and mortgages held on real estate which is already overtaxed. Therefore, in our opinion, real estate should have the advantage of whatever tax reduction it yields in retaining all of the personal property tax by the counties. The tax on county and municipal loans is a tax on a debt incurred for public improvement and should be paid and retained by the counties or municipalities.

ROAD LEGISLATION.

Your committee with others worked industriously to carry out the instructions of this body as expressed in previous years. We believe our position on the road question is right. Ever since the foundation of the government the farmers have built and maintained the roads at the expense of the farms. This practice was established when argiculture represented nearly all the wealth of the State. This burden is still imposed upon the farmers, although they are less than onesixth of the State's population, and other interests have vastly outstripped us in wealth. All our past and present road legislation has had the effect of adding to the taxes on the farms, while the census of 1900 shows that the value of the farm lands of Pennsylvania with their improvements have decreased in the last ten years nearly $24,000,000. Thousands of farms, if put up at public sale, would hardly bring what it would cost to replace the buildings on them. There are more abandoned farms in our State today than ever before.

All the people have equal rights to the public roads and we can not understand why the farmers should alone have been compelled to build and maintain them. Good roads are also of equal importance to all interests, therefore no class of property should refuse to assist in paying for them. When in support of this position your legislative committee asked the legislature to tax personal and corporate property, including manufacturing corporations, the small sum of 1 mill for road purposes the legislature failed to pass it. Such a tax would yield at least two and one-half million dollars annually. Under our present system of taxation we still contend that this is the right way to raise money from these interests for road purposes. It must be kept in mind that good roads cost money and lots of it.

The legislature at its last session passed a law appropriating $500,000 per year for the next two years for good roads, yet in its operation it will greatly increase local taxes, but adds no tax on those forms of property that have never yet paid for good purposes. Some of the arguments, appearing in our newspapers under the guise of good roads, made to the effect that the farmers are blind to the advantages of good roads, are a fallacy. We farmers do understand the advantages of good roads as well as anybody, but we are not deluded by a paltry $550,000 appropriation coupled with all its red tape, increased local taxation and loss of local control. In the first place the $500,000 appropriation represents taxes that have been paid to the State that should never have left the counties, as shown above. To thus collect moneys from localities and to then not allow it to be returned for expenditure in the counties for the public good except it be done under rigid centralized authority is to reflect upon the intelligence and integrity of our citizens. That the government is superior to the people in either virtue or business ability is questionable. In proof that it is not, we refer to the cost and manner in which the State is carrying out that part of road construction already entrusted to her—the building of State bridges. Do the taxpayers wish to encourage jobbery by putting the control of building the roads under such management when one-third of the cost is to be born by the local taxpayers?

If the State wants to improve the principal roads at her expense we have no objections but believe it would be much fairer than the present law. There are about 100,000 miles of public roads in our Commonwealth, 10 per cent. of which can be termed as principal or main roads. There is no just reason why poor townships should be taxed to improve and keep in repair these main roads when they are used for inter-county and State commerce. National aid to States for good roads is being discussed. General Miles recommended that part of the standing army be used in building good roads. Here are ideas that the State in conjunction with the federal government could work out and be of great help in getting good roads. The road Act of 1903 has some good features in it, several of which were inserted by your committee, among which are the division of the appropriation according to the township road mileage, a definition of a good road, the right for the people to select the kind of a road they wish to have built, together with several other amendments. Our township road system is very faulty and we recommend a change in the same. We believe that more good roads can be built by getting something done yearly in each of the 1,500 townships in the State than by any other plan, provided we get some State aid, as we had a right to expect when the road Act of 1897 was passed, which is still inoperative because the legislature refuses to grant the appropriation provided for in that law in order to put it into effect.

TROLLEY LEGISLATION.

Your committee according to instructions from this body prepared and introduced a bill in the last legislature to allow trolleys to carry freight. This privilege is granted them in all States except Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Notwithstanding the necessity and help that this would be to the farmers it was smothered in committee. As this is the month in which the triennial assessments are returned to the county commissioners your committee calls the attention of the members of this body to inspect such assessments and see that large corporations subject to local taxation are valued in the same proportion that other real estate is assessed. For it is a noticeable fact that in nearly every section of the State their valuation is very low.

We indorse the action of the National Grange in favor of a parcels post, the further extension of the free rural mail delivery, the establishment of postal savings banks, the granting of increased powers to the interstate commerce commission, and the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

Your committee believes that there is no better paying investment than our public schools. The country school house has been and will be the main factor in educating the great mass of our rural population. The township high school is a good thing, the graded country school has many advantages, but we caution our people not to be too fast in disposing of the old red school houses. Every patron of the country school should give one or two days during the winter in visiting the schools of their district. A little encouragement along this line will pay big returns.

The farmer is not only a producer but a consumer, which makes him bear heavy burdens of indirect taxation. He pays more for some articles than the manufacturer charges the foreigner. This injustice should be corrected. On this subject we can use no stronger language than that of the worthy master of the National Grange, Brother Aaron Jones, who said a year ago:

"Any law in force which enables manufacturers to sell—and they do sell—in foreign countries any manufactured articles at a less price than they sell to American citizens, said law or laws should at once be revised, amended, or repealed, and all such practices made impossible."

At the recent session of the National Grange at Rochester he said: "I again repeat it and assert that if those who have the power to correct these abuses to American citizenship do not correct them, the people should and will correct them."

The high charges of transportation companies and their unjust discrimination should in some way be regulated.

The operations of the trusts have so far proved not only harmful but are robbing the people in every conceivable way. While we are not an advocate of boycotting, we believe it would be to our best interests to patronize so much as possible the few remaining independent manufacturers.

We would suggest that in order to secure the reforms advocated by the Grange that each County Grange appoint a legislative committee to question candidates for the legislature and Congress before they are nominated as to their position on these questions, and accept no doubtful answers.

CONCLUSION.

In making this report we do not want to be misunderstood, as we believe that agriculture is a most honorable vocation. Notwithstanding the many disadvantages named we are alive to the advancement of the interests and rights of agriculture. We believe whatever is done to further these interests is for the good of the whole people. And we further believe that many of our young people are making a mistake in leaving the farm. The Grange offers many opportunities for improvement and advancement. It has accomplished a great deal and can do more for our agricultural interests. A leading agricultural paper says:

"The order of the Patrons of Husbandry stands for what is best in agriculture. More and more are our lawmakers beginning to recognize the power of the Grange. Well they may. No other organization, when it makes its position known, can be held to as fully represent the views of its members. This is why the Grange, when it speaks, speaks with the voice of one having authority, and why our legislators listen. More farmers should join the order."

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HILL,
S. R. BRUNGES,
WILLIAM T. CREASY, Secretary.

Postoffice Growth.

According to the statistical report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow there has been during the past year a steady increase in post offices and postoffice business. The number of post offices in the country on the 1st of July was 74,169, of which number 242 were first class, 1,107 second class, 3,690 third class and 69,130 fourth class. The rural free delivery routes of the country now number 19,398, which is a most encouraging report for the farmers and others residing in the rural districts.

There is no part of the service so popular or beneficial to the people than the rural free delivery routes. They have put the farming communities on a par with the cities and enable the farmer who lives many miles from the nearest postoffice to receive his letters and periodicals with the same regularity enjoyed by the man in the city. In fact the rural free delivery is a traveling post office, issuing and cashing money orders, selling stamps and affording many other conveniences that in former years necessitated a trip to the post office.

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Pursuant to an order from the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, the undersigned administrator of B. F. Girton, deceased, late of Greenwood township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, will expose to public sale on the premises lately occupied by said deceased, on the road leading from Rohrsburg to Unityville, near Derrs on

SATURDAY, JAN. 16th, 1904,

at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, the following described real estate: All those two certain messuages, tenements and tracts of land situate in Greenwood township, County and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows to wit:

No. 1. Beginning at a maple bush, corner of lands of Joseph Redline (formerly Daniel Platt) thence by said lands and lands of John Rantz north fourteen degrees east one hundred and twenty-six perches to a post; thence by lands of the Fairman heirs north eighty degrees west thirty-nine perches to a post; thence by lands of the Parker heirs south thirty-seven and one half degrees west thirty-three and two tenths perches to a post; thence south fifty-two and one half degrees east twelve perches to a post; thence south thirty seven degrees west forty-eight perches to a post; thence north fifty-two degrees west twelve and eight tenths purches to a post; thence south thirty-seven and one half degrees west thirteen and six tenths perches to a post; thence south twenty seven degrees east sixteen and two tenths perches to a post; thence south nineteen degrees west twenty four perches to a post; thence by lands of Theodore W. Smith south seventy-six degrees east sixty eight perches to the place of beginning; containing

43 ACRES and 126 PERCHES

of land be the same more or less.

No. 2. Beginning at a hemlock, corner of lands of Joseph Redline; thence by lands of the Watts heirs south seventeen and one half degrees west sixty-five perches to a post; thence by land of the said parties north seventy-four and one half degrees west one hundred and twenty-five perches to a post; thence by lands of Theodore W Smith north seventeen degrees east sixty-five perches to a post; thence by lands of Joseph Redline south seventy-four and one half degrees east one hundred and twenty-three perches to the place of beginning; containing

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be the same more or less. It being the same premises which George Reese and wife by quitclaim deed conveyed to said B. F. Girton; said deed being dated February 13th, 1860; and recorded in the Recorder's office of Columbia County on June 27th, 1890 in Deed Book, Vol. No. 47, at page 372, reference being thereunto had will more fully and at large appear.

There is erected on the first above described tract a

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bank barn and all other necessary farm outbuildings. There is about twenty acres of real good timber on the place, and the balance of the land is in a right good state of cultivation. There is plenty of good water on the premises and this is a very desirable farm. All personal property on the premises is reserved, and all grain in the ground is reserved. Deed and surveys if wanted, at the expense of the purchaser. Possession will be given on April 1st, 1904.

TERMS OF SALE:-Ten per cent. of one fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property, the balance of the one fourth at the confirmation nisi of the sale which will be on February 1st, 1904, and the remaining three-fourths in one year from date of sale with interest.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall of Centre Grange, No. 56, P. of H., on Tuesday, January 12th, 1904, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

12-10 5t H. H. BROWN, Secretary.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Thursday, the seventh day of January, A. D. 1904, by Ross W. Burrows, J. J. Robinson, John Coleman, S. C. Creasy, T. E. Hyde, all residents of the State of Pennsylvania, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called Bloomsburg Lumber and Manufacturing Company, the character and object of which is the buying and selling and manufacturing and dealing in lumber and articles made of wood and iron and other metals and materials, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, powers, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the several supplements thereto.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

At the Prothonotary's office we learn that the following couples have received marriage licenses since our last issue:

H. E. Shellhamer, of Evansville, and Miss Arminta Keifer, of Evansville.

William H. Harman, of Berwick, and Miss Emma May Hill, of Berwick.

Murray Miller, of Berwick, and Miss Eva Nyce, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

H. R. Cole and Miss Debbie Trivelpiece, both of Greenwood township.

DEEDS RECORDED.

D. A. Michael and wife to Amanda Sliker, West Berwick.

D. E. Troy's admr's, to Sarah M. Troy, Beaver twp.

Wm. Shellhamer's heirs to H. W. Hess, Mifflin twp.

M. M. Hicks et. al. to L. Augusta Welsh, Berwick.

H. W. Hess and wife to Charles Spaid, Mifflin twp.

David A. Michael and wife to M. L. Kunkle, West Berwick.

Henry E. Shotwell and wife to Wm. E. McQuay, Mifflin twp.

T. Harvey Doan et. al. to Peter Farver, West Berwick.

H. T. Everitt and wife to B. & S. R. R. Co., Benton.

Wm. Rechel, guardian, to Thos. M. Mensch, Catawissa.

Thos. M. Mensch and wife to John G. Mensch, Catawissa.

Christmas Entertainment In M. E. Church Bloomsburg.

The following beautiful Christmas Programe will be rendered by the M. E. Sunday School assisted by the Church Choir and S. S. orchestra, on Thursday Evening, Dec. 24th, at 7 o'clock sharp:

Organ Prelude.....Mrs. Fred Holmes
Song.....The Shepherds.....School
Prayer.....The Pastor
Christmas Greeting.....Sarah Garrison
What the Stockings hold.....Six little Girls
A Christmas Dream.....Margaret Tubbs
Recitation.....Carl Bachman
Song.....Primary Class
Recitation.....Lolita Winders
Gifts for Mrs. Santa's Stocking.....
.....By Ethal Shoemaker and class of boys
Song.....''The Angels, Chorus''.....School
Recitation 'Birdie's Breakfast' Mable Keiter
Solo.....Helen Hartman
Exercise.....
.....Starry Flag and Banner of the Cross
Anthem .....Savior and King.....Choir
Recitation.....A little Secret.....Hellen Huff
Solo.....Day of Days.....Mrs. H. S. Barton
Song.....By Graduating Class
Solo.....Martha Yetter
Song...Message of Christmas Time...School
Organ Postlude.....

The Pigs Squealed on Him.

Erin Brittain, a resident of Benton township, had a lot of pigs, and they squealed on him. Not, however, until they had been unceremoniously and abruptly dumped out into the public highway. The squealing occurred Monday night. Brittain was transporting the pigs down the hill above Benton. They were in a big wagon twenty-five of them, and on the steepest part of the hill when the tongue of the wagon broke, and away went the horses down the incline, accompanied by the squeals of the pigs. It is said that a pig under a gate will make a lot of noise, that two pigs under a gate will make more, but what do you think of twenty-five in a runaway. Accustomed as the people of that section are to the violent emotion of pigs this demonstration of swine lung power beat everything they had ever heard, and so alarmed them that the entire populace in every direction for a radius of a mile was out, and so were the pigs. The wagon had upset, and the porkers, with their characteristic liking for increased latitude, scampered off toward every point of the compass. Luckily for Mr. Brittain, he has many friends, and they at once, with lanterns in hand started in pursuit of the wondering wootsies, and oh, what a time they had. Hogs are such intelligent animals, and these were genuine hogs. Well, they hunted and hunted, with only the light of the stars and lanterns to guide them until every porker had been found. They were assembled in the middle of the road, and under protest driven home.

It was the greatest excitement Benton township has had in a long while. An old fashioned political meeting is the nearest approach to it, and the pigs had that "skinned to death."

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An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofula—as ugly as ever since time immemorial.

It causes bunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the blood, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.

"A bunch appeared on the left side of my neck. It caused great pain, was lanced, and became a running sore. I went into a general decline. I was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I had taken six bottles my neck was healed, and I have never had any trouble of the kind since." MRS. K. T. SNYDER, Troy, Ohio.

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Letter From Council Bluffs, Iowa.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN:—

DEAR SIR:—I have been reading your valuable paper for the last year through the kindness of my sister, Mrs. Jacob Terwilliger, and you will find enclosure for another year's subscription. I don't suppose you remember me as I left there in '65. Well, I am the same good democrat that I was at that time. I am the one that prevented the republicans from burning down the pole that stood at the corner of my father's shop the fall of '60. I was watching the pole as the Rep's said they would never vote under the stars and stripes if it hung from a hickory pole but they did and I got the auger that they left in the pole. They did not vote the next day.

Well, I sent you an Oxygenor magazine some time ago, I hope you got it. If they had some of them at Pittsburg they would soon get rid of the fever. If they are used according to directions they will break any fever. I have never lost a single case of fever, appendicitis or gall stone. I have sold 500 in the past two years. There are seven doctors using them here for everything but amputation. As by its use it removes the cause and the disease will cure itself, as we breath through the pores of the skin the same as through the lungs, and when the pores are open the impurities in the system will pass off. Oxygen is the last remedy when all others fail and is just what we want. If we could breath enough in our lungs we would not be sick.

I had one case where the husband had small-pox very bad and the wife got an Oxygenor and used it on her husband and on herself, on the mother and four children and there was not one of them took the disease. There was not a particle of medicine used by the husband or any of the family.

We have a fine city of 42,000 with 14 trunk lines of railroad and an other one coming. We have had very fine crops of everything but potatoes which is only about one half crop. Corn is 32 cts., oats 30 cts., wheat No. 1, 70 cts., No. 2, 60 cts., apples best 1.00, potatoes 80 cts. Grapes were not a full crop. Real estate is on the boom; good farms $60 to $100 an acre.

With best wishes,

J. M PATTON.

Extensive Repairs to a Church.

Extensive repairs and improvements are in progress at the Baptist Church. The whole interior is being painted and repaired, new seats will replace the old ones, and the balance of the woodwork will be grained to harmonize. The exterior too will be redressed with paint, and the building when it is ready for occupancy, which will be on January 3rd, will present a very handsome appearance. The congregation on Sunday worshipped with the Presbyterians. They will unite with the Methodists next Sunday.

Farmers' Stationery.

Farmers and others, particularly those living on the rural delivery routes should have printed stationery as well as business men. It is not only more business like to send a letter with name and address printed on the note head and envelope, but it insures the return of the letter in case it is not delivered. We are especially well equipped to do this class of printing, and can do it promptly and neatly at a less price than you pay for the paper and envelopes at retail stores.

New Year's Reception.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold a reception on New Year's Night in Evans' Hall, from 8 to 10:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served, and the occasion will be enlivened by good music. All friends of the Association are invited. The program will be published in our next issue.

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FIRE AT CENTRALIA.

A fire, the origin of which does not appear to be known, destroyed the homes of six families at Centralia early Friday morning. The alarm was sounded and willing workers responded to the call, but the distance from the plugs was so great that they could not be used, and the bucket brigade was unequal to the emergency. Those rendered homeless were John Haney, Thomas McGonnel, Mrs. Mary Haney, Patrick McDonough and Charles and James McGuire.

This fire illustrates anew the old saying that misfortunes never come singly. Centralia has had a siege of small pox, which closed its schools, prevented intercourse with surrounding towns and stagnated business generally. The situation just now however is brighter and getting more so each succeeding day. The schools were opened on Monday and the afflicted ones are all on a fair road to recovery.

Another Bunco Game.

People Swindled by Grocery Agents at Harrisburg.

Swindlers who are believed to be working this way, made a very rich haul at Harrisburg recently. The following, showing the game worked, is taken from the *Patriot*:

"Solicitors claiming to represent the Gatt Pratt Food Co., of Pittsburg, buncoed a number of West End residents last week.

"The solicitors, it is alleged, went around to the houses offering groceries by the wholesale at a much lower price than that for which the goods could be got elsewhere. When the time for delivery of the goods came around only a small portion of them were given out but collections were made for the entire orders. The agents said the rest would come the next day. Most of the people took the bait, and the rest of the goods are not yet in sight and the agents have not since been seen."

A large line of all kinds of books at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

A NEW MARY ANN PROBLEM.

The *North American* a few weeks ago printed a Mary Ann problem, which caused many people to rack their brains. The problem was a good one, and since that time many other newspapers have given their readers problems. The COLUMBIAN herewith presents a new one: "If Ann was 18 when Sam was 10 how is it that when Sam is 25 Ann is only 22?

If Mary and Ann were both brunnettes when Mary was Ann's age now and if Ann is a blonde when she is as old as Mary was then, how much does it cost a bottle?

If Ann goes to the theatre in a carriage, carries a bunch of roses and has supper afterward, what does Charley get a week?

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.

The following bonds of the Columbia County Agricultural Society have been drawn for payment. Numbers, 7, 28, 42, 61, 71 and 75, amounting to $1,500. Interest on these bonds will cease January 1st, 1904.

JAMES C. BROWN,
Dec. 17, 2t. Treasurer.

GET IT AT GILMORE'S.

Are you looking for toys or games for the little ones? If so visit W. H. Gilmore's Toy Bazaar. You will find there an immense line of goods suitable for Christmas gifts. Never before has he had such an assortment, and you are sure to find just what you want for the little folks. There are Dolls, Wagons, Iron Toys, Dishes, all kinds of Games, Tree Decorations, and a thousand other articles. Every Holiday wish for the little ones can be gratified. The entire third floor is filled with goods and you are invited to call, and look over the line. 3t

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Gentlemen:

My case is so remarkable that I want to tell you all about it. I suffered from bladder trouble for about 25 years, and had tried all the doctors about here, and also two specialists in New York, without getting any help. Last August I bought a bottle of Cal-cura Solvent, Dr. Kennedy's *new* medicine. I had not been able to work at my trade (boiler making) for some time, but after taking one bottle of Calcura Solvent, I began work and have been working ever since.

Yours truly, MARTIN FULLER.

If your druggist does not have Cal-cura Solvent, write to the Cal-cura Company, Rondout, N.Y.; but ask your druggist first. $1.00 a bottle. Only one size.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson in the International Series for December 27, 1903—Review and Christmas Lesson.

THE LESSON TEXT.

(Matt. 2:1-12.)

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

2. Saying, Where is He that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

3. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also.

9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshiped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save His People from their sins.—Matt. 1:21.

(Matt. 2:1-3.) "When Jesus was born:" "Jesus having been born"—a sentence introductory to the story of His reception by the wise-men. "Herod the king:" "A name of evil omen; called the Great; great in energy, in magnificence, in wickedness." "Wise-men:" Sometimes called by the Greek name Magi; a class of oriental students especially interested in the science of the stars, which played a very large part in their religion. They represented the best elements in the heathen world, as Herod the worst elements of the Jewish world. "From the east:" Arabia, Persia or Babylonia, perhaps—the historian did not know, or if he did, did not tell. "Where is He:" They naturally sought the King at the capital, and must have been surprised to find no news of His birth. "Saw His star in the east:" Rather, according to Bruce, in its rising. What this appearance was we do not know. "The whole system of astrology was a delusion, yet it might be used by Providence to guide seekers after truth."—A. B. Bruce. "He was troubled:" Herod was a usurper; the thought of a rival filled him with alarm. He had not ruled according to Jewish ideas and knew that the people would welcome his downfall.

(Vs. 4-9.) "The chief priests:" Probably not the Sanhedrin in this case, but all the learned "doctors" or teachers. "Through the prophet:" Micah (5:1,2). "Privily:" Secretly. "Exactly what time the star appeared:" That he might know the age of the child. "That I also may come and worship Him:" An attempt to disarm the suspicion of the Magi.

(Vs. 10-12.) "And when they saw the star:" For the second time. "The house:" The census was long over, and the crowd gone. It was no longer necessary to remain in the stable. "Gifts:" The gifts were of three kinds. This accounts for the surmise that there were three wise-men. It was customary to bring presents to a king, and the homage paid him was frequently called worshiping, though in this case the wise-men may have realized the greatness of Him before whom they bowed, and have worshiped Him as more than ordinary man.

BRIEF QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Lesson I. David Brings up the Ark. 2 Sam. 6:1-12....Golden Text: Ps. 84:4.

Lesson II. God's Covenant with David. 2 Sam. 7:4-16....Golden Text: 2 Sam. 7:16.

Lesson III. David's Confession. Psa. 51:1-17....Golden Text: Ps. 51:10.

Lesson IV. David's Joy Over Forgiveness. Psa. 32....Golden Text: Ps. 32:1.

Lesson V. David and Absalom. 2 Sam. 15:1-2....Golden Text: Ex. 20-12.

Lesson VI. David's Grief Over Absalom. 2 Sam. 18:24-33....Golden Text: Prov. 17:25.

Lesson VII. David's Trust in God. Psa. 23....Golden Text: Ps. 23-1.

Lesson VIII. The Curse of Strong Drink. (World's Temperance Lesson.) Prov. 20:1:23:20, 21, 29-35....Golden Text: Prov. 20:1.

Lesson IX. David's Charge to Solomon. 1 Chron. 28:1-10....Golden Text: Prov. 3:5.

Lesson X. Solomon's Wise Choice. 1 Kings 3:4-15....Golden Text: Prov. 9-10.

Lesson XI. The Dedication of the Temple. 1 Kings 8:1-11, 62, 63.... Golden Text: Ps. 122:1.

Lesson XII. The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon. 1 Kings 10:1-10.... Golden Text: Prov. 29:2.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

"Jesus was born." Thus He became one with ourselves, taking our infirmities upon Himself.

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem." And yet He was the Word who was in the beginning with God, and who was God.

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Never before did such a babe come into the world!

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem." But the story does not end there. He lived, died, rose again and is now at the right hand of God for us.

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